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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON
MR. BOARDMAN
MR. ROSEN
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I returned the Attorney General's earlier call. He stated he had called concerning the telephone call made by John Kasper to his lawyer, Johnston, in Washington. I indicated that a deputy sheriff at the jail from where Kasper phoned had informed us of this matter. I further stated that the deputy sheriff was a graduate of our National Academy.

The Attorney General inquired as to whether there had been any activities here on the part of the Washington White Citizens Council, having in mind that the Supreme Court would be in session within a couple of weeks and the possibility that this group might become active then. I told him that we have alerted our informants to report to us any activity contemplated by this group. I also commented this was the same group that was involved in the recent cross burning episodes in Washington; that it was possible they might try to raise money to get Kasper out of jail, although I told him there had been no meetings but merely contacts among one another.

[redacted] The Attorney General asked whether we had anything on [redacted] and I told him that [redacted] one of the subjects in the case involving the cross burning in Washington, had identified [redacted] as one of the individuals who had participated in the cross burning. I stated that when [redacted] was interviewed by our Agents, he identified himself as the Chairman of the Northwest Washington White Citizens Council; that when [redacted] was interviewed, he stated he had [redacted] [redacted] 345

Very truly yours, ⁶ : SEP 18 1957

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Director, FBI (100-423395)

① WHITE CITIZENS COUNCILS OF
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, also known as
Seaboard White Citizens' Councils
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In September 11, 1957, John Kasper was overheard calling from City Jail, Nashville, Tennessee, collect, to an individual whom he addressed as [redacted]. It has been established that the telephone number Kasper called in Washington, D. C., is subscribed to by [redacted]

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① Citizens Councils

In the light of the past activities on the part of Kasper and the captioned organization, Washington Field, Richmond and Baltimore are instructed to alert immediately sources and informants to the possibility of demonstrations by members of the White Citizens' Councils of District of Columbia or similar groups in the Washington, D. C., area, particularly with regard to the forthcoming convening of the U. S. Supreme Court.

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Every precaution must be taken to insure that your offices are apprised in advance of any contemplated demonstrations. Any information received in this regard should be furnished the Bureau expeditiously.

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NOTE ON YELLOW: By memo 9/12/57 AG was furnished information on Kasper's telephonically contacting [redacted]. In subsequent conversation between the Director and the AG concerning this matter the AG said "He wants us to be alert to any possibility of demonstrations here particularly with reference to forthcoming convening at U.S.S.C."

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Office Memorandum

DATE: 9/11/57

FROM: A. ROSEN

SUBJECT: EXPLOSION IN HATTIE R. COTTON SCHOOL
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE
SEPTEMBER 10, 1957

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I called Memphis and talked to ASAC C. O. Halter in Lopez' absence. I asked Halter to check on the details concerning the allegation which we had received that Kasper had again been arrested for "inciting to riot."

Halter called me back at 9:45 a.m. and gave me the following information. He said that at 12:35 a.m. this morning, September 11, Kasper was arrested by Constable Floyd Peek and R. R. Poe, Chief of the Montague-Madison private police, which is a municipality on the outskirts of Nashville. He was arrested at his temporary residence, 2901 Scott Avenue.

Prior to this arrest, a warrant had been issued by General Sessions Judge H. H. Moses of Nashville for the arrest of Kasper charging him with "inciting to riot." Another State Judge of the General Sessions Court, M. V. Zicarelli, committed Kasper to jail without bond for investigation. He is presently being held in the Davidson County Jail, Nashville, Tennessee.

The above substance was incorporated in a memorandum transmitting this information to the Department.

It is also noted that after Kasper was first arrested in Nashville on a charge of vagrancy, breach of the peace, etc., he was released after being held for approximately two hours on bond. After being released on this charge he was arrested for illegally parking his car. He then made bond and was released. Subsequent to this, he was arrested as above indicated for "inciting to riot."

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON
MR. BOARDMAN
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MR. NICHOLS

I advised the Attorney General that we had been in contact with McLean of the Department concerning the possibility of any federal process being set in motion against Kasper on the basis of the story furnished by Charles Reed. I stated that McLean had advised that the bond Kasper is out on is solely for the purpose of insuring that Kasper will be available at the appropriate time; that there was no provision for revocation based on further activities of Kasper. I further stated that McLean questioned whether federal action towards revocation of Kasper's bond would stand up and also felt that Reed could not be held as a material witness. The Attorney General was advised that according to McLean the United States Attorney is already under orders to start possible revocation of Kasper's bond but he stated such action would have to be taken in Knoxville where the bond was issued. He was advised that McLean plans to talk to the United States Attorney in Nashville. I stated if there is nothing to do we proposed to turn all our information and Reed over to the local authorities.

Very truly yours,

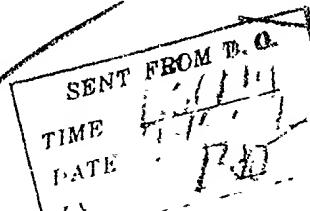
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cc-mr. Holloman

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September 10, 1967

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON
MR. BOARDMAN
MR. ROSEN
MR. NICHOLS

John K.

The Attorney General returned my earlier call to him. I told him I was calling concerning the recent developments in the Arkansas situation and to advise him that the subpoena had been served; that everything worked out all right and the guard had let the U. S. Marshal through. It was also mentioned that Judge Davies was very pleased with the report and commented that it was a "fabulous job. The Attorney General stated he wanted to take this opportunity to congratulate us on this job.

I then told the Attorney General that the Army has asked for a copy of all reports of information we have on the Little Rock situation and we courteously informed them this was a matter they should take up with the Department. I further stated the reason given by the Army for wanting a copy was that they claimed they had been asked by a high government official regarding the possibility of calling the Arkansas National Guard up for federal service. The Attorney General asked for my opinion concerning the furnishing of a copy and I told him I did not think it should be done because (1) if this were done Judge Davies should be contacted first to be sure he had no objection, and (2) we knew there are leaks to Drew Pearson and everybody has been trying to find out what is in our report. The Attorney General was advised that we had sent a copy of our report to him; the Bureau has a copy and one is going to Assistant Attorney General Doub and one to Assistant Attorney General Oliney. I stated the Army seemed to be satisfied with the answer that the matter was up to the Department.

I then mentioned to the Attorney General the disturbance in Nashville, Tennessee, and stated we had learned from an informant, of unknown reliability, who had been in touch with Kasper that Kasper had in his possession four sticks of dynamite and some glycerin and Kasper may have dynamited the school in Nashville. I told him that Judge Miller had asked the United States Attorney and one of our Agents to meet in conference and I had instructed our Agent to advise Judge Miller of this information which has not been investigated or corroborated. Our Agent was also told to advise the Chief of Police and the Sheriff of this matter.

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The Attorney General stated he had asked the Criminal Division to give him a rundown on Kasper and had learned that Kasper has been convicted twice and is out on bail, and had received a memorandum from that Division showing how reluctant the courts are to revoke bail, which was a most discouraging situation. I stated that though I could be wrong, I was under the impression that Kasper was under some kind of bond to keep the peace while on appeal and the question has arisen as to whether by creating these disturbances in another state he, Kasper, may be violating orders of the court under which his appeal is pending. I commented that I did not know whether or not this was what Judge Miller had in mind to discuss at the conference. I stated we have not made an investigation and the Attorney General agreed that if the Judge requested us to make an investigation we would go ahead immediately.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

cc-Mr. Holloman

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cc-Mr. Holloman
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON
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I called the Attorney General concerning the Nashville situation and advised him of a matter about which we had not previously been aware. It seems that the Department had instructed the United States Attorney to have the Mayor of Nashville secure affidavits from the police officers who had attended some of the meetings held by John Kasper in order to secure information as to what had transpired, having in mind the possibility of revoking Kasper's bond. The Attorney General said he did not know of this. I indicated this made it very difficult for us and that if any statements or affidavits were needed, they should be secured by the Bureau. The Attorney General stated he would straighten this out.

In connection with the information we have received, the Attorney General was informed that I had asked our Agents to get sworn statements from the man involved. I said a man by the name of [redacted] years of age [redacted] came in and gave us certain information and indicated he had attended some of Kasper's meetings. I stated that, according to our information, on September 7, a man by the name of [redacted] was approached by Kasper, who through innuendo asked help to bomb a school, indicating that he, Kasper, had dynamite and glycerin. After the discussion Kasper did not press the matter and did not go back to [redacted] for assistance. I stated I have asked our Agents to get sworn statements from [redacted] and [redacted] to see whether these persons know anyone who can corroborate what [redacted] talked about. The Attorney General was informed that as soon as we get these statements we will be able to determine what can be done towards running down this information, and I will keep him advised. | 100-423315 -

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The Attorney General [redacted] had learned from Fred Muller that Kasper had been arrested by the Nashville police. I stated that he was probably taken into custody for questioning regarding this matter since affidavits had been requested of the police by the Mayor. I told the Attorney General that the police do not know the identities of [redacted] and [redacted] because we did not want their identities disclosed.

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John Edgar Hoover
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-423395)

DATE: September 19, 1957

FROM *AK* SAC, WFO (100-33226)

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SUBJECT: WHITE CITIZENS COUNCILS OF
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ReBulet September 13, 1957, instructing that every precaution be taken to insure that WFO is apprised in advance of any contemplated demonstrations by captioned organization.

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ReBulet dated January 11, 1957, entitled [REDACTED] PSI, instructing that in accordance with instructions set forth in Bulet to Atlanta dated December 13, 1956, no assignments should be given to [REDACTED] with regard to his obtaining information regarding the Citizens Councils. [REDACTED] was discontinued as a PSI in January, 1957, but all relations with him were not severed and he is carried as a source of information. UACB, [REDACTED] will be contacted for any information in his possession concerning any contemplated demonstrations. If he is still in a position to make direct inquiries to the Citizens Councils concerning plans, he will be requested to discreetly do so UACB.

Another source concerning this matter is [REDACTED] [REDACTED] who has been furnishing WFO with information concerning the Citizens Councils. WFO has maintained our relations with [REDACTED] on a strictly one-way basis, by accepting all information he offers but not furnishing him any information and not requesting any specific information from him. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] set forth in WFO airtel to Director dated August 9, 1957, entitled "Citizens Council, Washington Field Office, IS-X". *JK*

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It was announced on the radio the evening of September 18, 1957, that JOHN KASPER was reportedly on his way to Washington, D. C. WFO could logically direct an inquiry to [] at this point, reminding him of the demonstrations by the Citizens Councils during the summer of 1956, and requesting him to furnish to WFO immediately any information he might receive concerning any possibility of a demonstration.

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UACB, this inquiry will be made of []

We have found pretext telephone calls to the White Citizens Council office very successful. They are very ready and willing to discuss their views and plans. Of course, it is very doubtful that any plans for a demonstration such as a cross-burning could be detected in this manner, but a picket of the Supreme Court might be.

UACB, WFO will conduct discreet pretext interviews with the leaders of the Councils here.

UACB, WFO will not conduct fisurs to locate and ascertain the activities of JOHN KASPER, if he does come to Washington, D. C. This information may be volunteered during a pretext interview if we base the pretext on hearing on the radio that he is coming to Washington, D. C. and professing admiration of him and his work.

WFO will maintain as thorough coverage of the situation in Washington, D. C., as discretion allows. We will keep the Bureau advised of all our contemplated coverage, and in accordance with instructions in Bulet dated July 11, 1957, in captioned investigation, will conduct no investigation concerning the organization or KASPER without prior Bureau authority.

It is to be noted that the situation in Arlington, Virginia, now, and the attendant publicity, is the type of situation KASPER apparently craves. Any information WFO receives concerning activity by KASPER in Arlington will be promptly furnished to the Bureau and Richmond.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: 9/13/57

FROM : A. H. Belmont

SUBJECT: EXPLOSION - Hattie R. Cotten School
Nashville, Tennessee, 9/10/57ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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Shortly before 10 a.m., Mr. Rosen, Supervisor Assmuss, and I, went to see Rufus McLean of the Department, regarding developments at Nashville.

We called Mr. McLean's attention to previous information furnished the Department regarding [redacted] and [redacted] to the effect that [redacted] claimed [redacted] had furnished him information that Kasper had dynamite in his possession prior to the bombing of the school at Nashville, but that [redacted] had denied this. Mr. McLean was acquainted with this.

[redacted] We advised Mr. McLean that last night, about 7 o'clock, [redacted] and [redacted] came to our Nashville Office and said they wanted to tell the full story. [redacted] then related that late Saturday afternoon, 9/7, John Kasper had come to his house with a package which contained dynamite and four fruit jars full of powder; that Kasper asked [redacted] to keep this material at [redacted] house, but [redacted] refused, whereupon [redacted] and Kasper took the explosives to a vacant house and stashed them away there.

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[redacted] went on to say that on Monday night, 9/9, upon returning to his home about 11 p.m., he found Kasper waiting for him, in a distraught and emotional state. Kasper asked him "where the hell" he had been when he needed him. Kasper indicated he wanted [redacted] to go with him, but [redacted] refused, saying he was all wet from the rain. Kasper then left. The explosion at the school occurred about two hours later. [redacted] does not know whether Kasper had anything to do with the explosion.

[redacted] said that he had been picking up Kasper ~~SEPM 24 1957~~ in a post office box in the post office, and yesterday when he went to pick up the mail he found a slip in the box to the effect that the man was being held and to contact the office. He thereupon talked to the postmaster, and told the postmaster this story about Kasper having the dynamite. He asked the postmaster what he should do if Kasper got out of jail and wanted him to commit some act with Kasper, and the postmaster told him he should call the police.

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cc Mr. Nichols, Mr. Boardman, Mr. Rosen, Mr. Belmont

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[redacted] advised our agents that he was present [redacted] when Kasper brought the package. He said the package was opened and he saw that it contained "hate" literature of the type Kasper had been distributing. He did not see any explosives. When confronted with this discrepancy, [redacted] stated the dynamite and fruit jars of powder were contained in an inner package, inside the literature. [redacted] states that he was also present [redacted] when Kasper was there, about 11 p.m. [redacted] states he has never seen the explosives, nor did he know prior to [redacted] statement of last night that [redacted] claimed the explosives were actually brought to [redacted] house.

Mr. McLean was advised that signed statements have been taken from both of these men and that [redacted]

[redacted] McLean was advised that [redacted] is [redacted]

[redacted] and

that [redacted] Further, subsequent to the original interview with [redacted] had contacted our office, offering to act as an investigator or informant, stating that he was broke and needed money.

McLean was further advised that the papers had proclaimed a \$6,000 reward for the solving of the dynamiting of the school. McLean was advised that the agents had pressed [redacted] vigorously throughout the night, but that [redacted] appears sincere and will not be shaken in his story.

McLean was advised that agents had gone to the vacant house and had checked and found no explosives there, and no indication that they had been there, although this is not, of course, conclusive. Further careful questioning of [redacted] and [redacted] did not disclose any additional individuals who had knowledge of the information furnished by [redacted] or [redacted]

Mr. McLean was advised that this information had been furnished to the AG, and that we were presenting the facts to McLean for an immediate decision as to whether the Federal Government desired to take any action against Kasper or others, based on this information. We pointed out that there must be an immediate decision [redacted] and McLean should consider whether, if the government is going to take action, [redacted] can be held as a material witness. We pointed out that this is important because the local authorities are investigating the dynamiting and

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our office believes they will check on Kasper's mail and undoubtedly come up with [redacted] name from the postmaster this morning and, therefore, will be looking for [redacted]. We advised McLean that SAC Lopez is contacting USA Elledge this morning to furnish these facts to him and undoubtedly McLean will want to contact Elledge.

McLean said he had studied the bond of Kasper carefully and that the bond is for the purpose of insuring that Kasper will be available at such time as his appeal is resolved; that there are no provisions in the bond for revocation, based on further activities of Kasper, rather it is solely to insure his appearance at the appropriate time. He stated that the Department has been viewing the Kasper matter as a question of keeping a "rabid dog" off the streets, and as long as the local authorities have custody of Kasper this purpose is being served. He said the USA is presently under instructions to institute possible revocation of Kasper's bond in the event Kasper gets out on the streets again. He said such action would have to be taken by USA Crawford in the Eastern District of Tennessee, that is Knoxville, where the bond was issued.

McLean questioned whether Federal action to revoke Kasper's bond would stand up in view of the above. We pointed out to him that if the Department had issued such instructions and was considering revocation action, the question here was whether it should not be considered immediately, even though Kasper is in custody, the point being that this would reflect that the Federal Government was putting its shoulder to the wheel in an effort to deal with Kasper. Mr. McLean was again advised that an immediate decision is necessary. He said he would discuss this with Caldwell and would call us within a few minutes.

I then called SAC Lopez, advised him we had discussed this with the Department and McLean would undoubtedly be calling Elledge. I told Lopez to furnish the facts of this matter immediately to USA Elledge, for his consideration as to whether the Federal Government desired to take any action based on these facts. I told Lopez to call us back as soon as he had discussed this with the USA. I told him we had advised the Department that an immediate decision is necessary, particularly in view of the fact that we have Reed still in the office.

I told Lopez that the Bureau feels we have a definite responsibility to find out whether the Federal Government wants legal action; that we are acting as a transmission belt regarding this information. I told him to insure that the USA does not discuss this with local authorities or make any public statement until a proper decision has been reached and action has

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been taken. I told him further that he should immediately have all the information furnished by [] and [] analyzed for any possible leads that can be followed out as soon as a decision has been made--for example, interview with the postmaster regarding [] activities and the conversation with the postmaster. I told Lopez it is imperative that we be in a position to dig up any information that would substantiate the statements of [] and []

I further advised Lopez, for his confidential information, that the Bureau anticipates that a release will be made in either event, that is whether the government takes action or whether we turn this information over to local authorities. In the event no federal action is taken, we contemplate turning the information over to the police and putting them in touch with [] in which event a release is contemplated to the effect that, in cooperation with local authorities we are turning over information regarding possession of dynamite by Kasper prior to the bombing of the schoolhouse. Lopez was instructed to take no action as to this until the Bureau advised him.

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Mr. Tolson
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TO Director, FBI ATTN: Mr. ROSEN
 FROM *J* SAC, Memphis (100-3595)

DATE 9/12/57

AIR MAIL

SUBJECT: RACIAL SITUATION, EXPLOSION HATTIE R.
COTTON SCHOOL, NASHVILLE, TENN.

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FREDERICK JOHN KASPER, a/k/a,
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 Re telephone instructions Assistant Director ROSEN
 and mytel to Bureau dated 9/12/57. Enclosed herewith is
 copy of petition filed USDC, Nashville, Tenn., 9/12/57,
 Civil Action # 2094, entitled ROBERT W. KELLEY, et al vs.
 BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF NASHVILLE, DAVIDSON COUNTY,
 TENNESSEE, et al, and autostat of TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER
 in the same matter signed by the Court 4 PM, 9/12/57.

Corrections, deletions and addendum appearing in
 the copy of the petition reflect changes made during the
 course of the hearing, and the enclosed copy is an exact
 copy of that filed in USDC.

This being mailed directly from Nashville, Tenn. in
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 USA, Nashville discussed petition telephonically with Department,
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EXPLOSION IN HATTIE R. COTTON SCHOOL,
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE
SEPTEMBER 10, 1957

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John Kasper

An explosion occurred at 1:00 a.m., September 10, 1957, at the Hattie R. Cotten School, 1033 West Greenwood Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee, where gradual integration was being instituted for the first time with the enrollment of one Negro student.

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[redacted] confidentially advised our Memphis Office that he had heard through one [redacted] that John Kasper on September 7, 1957, had some sticks of dynamite and four quart fruit jars of powder in his possession. By innuendo, Kasper allegedly indicated to [redacted] that the dynamite and powder would be used on a school. This information was furnished to the Chief of Police of Nashville and the Sheriff of Davidson County, Tennessee, on September 9, 1957.

[redacted] and [redacted] are being interviewed and an effort will be made to obtain signed statements from them concerning the above allegations. In the event [redacted] and [redacted] furnish the identities of other persons who might have knowledge that Kasper possessed dynamite and powder, they too will be interviewed and signed statements obtained wherever possible. 150-423315

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On February 20, 1957, Judge William E. Miller approved a plan of the Nashville Board of Education to integrate grade one of the elementary schools of the City of Nashville beginning in September, 1957, and ordered the Board of Education to submit a plan to the court abolishing segregation, which was done. The Nashville city schools opened for the first day on September 10, 1957, with integrated first grades. Scattered instances of violence were reported which involved white and colored women. Three women were arrested for disorderly conduct. Pickets led by Kasper and other pickets carrying signs stating they represented the Ku Klux Klan were reported at Nashville schools.

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The Attorney General

On September 10, 1957, after the bombing of the school, a conference was held in the office of Judge William E. Miller, United States District Judge, Middle District of Tennessee, at his request, which was attended by United States Attorney Fred Ellledge, Jr., and the local Resident Agent of the FBI. At this conference Judge Miller expressed concern over the dynamiting and indicated that he desired to explore the necessity for any action to be taken by either the United States Attorney, the FBI, or himself. Judge Miller made no request for any investigation by the FBI and stated that to date he knew of no violation of his order. Judge Miller confidentially advised that if he were petitioned for an injunction to prevent anyone from interfering with integration he would be inclined to approve such a request.

United States Attorney Ellledge, after conferring with the Department, advised he did not desire any investigation. He stated that he had contacted the Mayor of Nashville who was obtaining for him on a confidential basis affidavits from police officers who were present at meetings at which Kasper spoke. Mr. Ellledge stated he planned to forward these affidavits to the Department for its consideration as to any action to be taken concerning Kasper.

On September 10, 1957, Mr. W. E. Hopton, who is head of the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, conveyed a message to an Agent of this Bureau from Governor Clements of Tennessee. Hopton stated that the Governor hoped the FBI was on top of this situation. The Governor further stated, according to Hopton, that he had the utmost faith and confidence in the FBI. Hopton volunteered that they had no investigation underway concerning this situation, nor were any plans being made to conduct any. It is possible that Governor Clements in making these comments is going on record as leaving any investigation concerning this matter up to the FBI.

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Miss Gandy

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM SAC, MEMPHIS 4P ATTENTION ASSISTANT DIRECTOR A. ROSEN

John Kasper

RACIAL SITUATION, EXPLOSION, HATTIE R. GOTTEN SCHOOL,
NASHVILLE, TENN. FOLLOWING IN RESPONSE YOUR REQUEST THIS DATE, REMYTEL
INSTANT DATE AND PHONE CALL FROM

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR A. ROSEN. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY OF PERTINENT
COURT ACTION IN USDC, NASHVILLE, IN CASE ROBERT W. KELLEY,
ET AL, BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF NASHVILLE, ET AL.
ON SEPTEMBER TWENTYTHREE, NINETEEN FIFTYFIVE, ATTORNEYS FOR
SEVERAL NEGRO STUDENTS AND PARENT PETITIONERS FILED CIVIL ACTION
IN USDC, NASHVILLE, AGAINST NASHVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION
SEEKING INTEGRATION OF NASHVILLE CITY SCHOOLS. ON MARCH
TWENTYEIGHT, NINETEEN FIFTYSIX, A THREE JUDGE FEDERAL COURT
GRANTED A MOTION OF NASHVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR DISOLUTION
OF THREE JUDGE COURT AND REMANDED CASE TO DISTRICT JUDGE
AND GRANTED A MOTION OF DEFENDANTS TO DIRECT CASE TO NEXT
EDITION OF COURT TO AFFORD DEFENDANTS OPPORTUNITY TO FORMULATE
PLAN TO COMPLY WITH US SUPREME COURT RULING ON INTEGRATION.

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MILLER APPROVED PLAN OF BOARD OF EDUCATION TO INTEGRATE
GRADE ONE OF ELEMENTARY CITY SCHOOLS BEGINNING SEPTEMBER,
NINETEEN FIFTYSEVEN, AND ORDERED BOARD OF EDUCATION TO SUBMIT
TO THE COURT NOT LATER THAN DECEMBER THIRTYONE, NINETEEN
FIFTYSEVEN THE PERTINENT PLAN TO ABOLISH SEGREGATION IN ALL
NASHVILLE CITY SCHOOLS. ON AUGUST THIRTY, LAST, MOTION
FILED BY BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR COURT TO CONSTRUE AND
DECLARE THE LEGAL ACTION OF CHAPTER ELEVEN, PUBLIC ACTS OF
NINETEEN FIFTYSEVEN, STATE OF TENN., AND TO SUSPEND, MODIFY
AND VACATE ITS PREVIOUS JUDGEMENT CONCERNING CONTINUANCE OF
PLAN TO DESEGREGATE FIRST GRADE OF CITY SCHOOLS. NOTE
NINETEEN FIFTYSEVEN TENN. LEGISLATURE PASSED GROUP OF BILLS
DEALING WITH SEGREGATION, INCLUDING ABOVE ACT AUTHORIZING
BOARDS OF EDUCATION TO PROVIDE SEPARATE SCHOOLS FOR WHITE
AND NEGRO CHILDREN WHOSE PARENTS VOLUNTARILY ELECTED THAT
SUCH CHILDREN ATTEND SCHOOL WITH MEMBERS OF OWN RACE.
THIS ACT GENERALLY REFERRED TO AS PARENTS PREFERENCE ACT.
ON SEPTEMBER SIX LAST JUDGE MILLER DECLARED PARENTS PREFERENCE
ACT UNCONSTITUTIONAL ON ITS FACE. BUREAU NOTE INFORMATION
IN RETEL OF DYNAMITING NASHVILLE CITY SCHOOL, SEPTEMBER TEN
INSTANT. EARLY TODAY FRED ELLEDGE, USA,

~~CORRECTION LINE 12 ND 3 DESEGREGATE~~

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NASHVILLE, ADVISED SA JAMES B. HENDERSON THAT JUDGE MILLER HAD REQUESTED A CONFIDENTIAL CONFERENCE WITH ELLEDGE AND HENDERSON AT NINE AM. AT CONFERENCE JUDGE MILLER EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER DYNAMITING AND DESIRED EXPLORATION OF NECESSITY ANY ACTION TO BE TAKEN BY FBI, USA-S OFFICE AND HIMSELF. JUDGE MILLER MADE NO REQUEST THAT ANY INVESTIGATION BE CONDUCTED. AT JUDGE-S REQUEST ELLEDGE TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED A. B. CALDWELL, D OF J, AND FURNISHED CALDWELL WITH SUMMARY OF INFORMATION TO DATE. CALDWELL TOLD ELLEDGE CONSIDERATION BEING GIVEN TO REVOCATION OF KASPER-S BOND AT KNOXVILLE. CALDWELL DESIRED CONSIDER MATTER AND RECONTACT ELLEDGE. JUDGE MILLER EXPRESSED CONFIDENTIAL OPINION THAT IF PETITIONED FOR INJUNCTION AGAINST KASPER HE WOULD BE INCLINED TO ISSUE INJUNCTION. JUDGE STATED HE ANTICIPATES NO ACTION ON HIS PART AT PRESENT AND THAT NO ORDER ISSUED BY HIM HAS BEEN VIOLATED. AT APPROXIMATELY ELEVEN AM TODAY MR. MC LEAN OF D OF J TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED MR. ELLEDGE AND STATED HE WAS CONSIDERING ACTION TO REVOKE KASPER-S BOND IN KNOXVILLE AND INQUIRED IF ELLEDGE COULD OBTAIN AFFIDAVITS FROM WITNESSES WHO WERE PRESENT AT SPEECHES MADE BY KASPER AT NASHVILLE SCHOOLS, SEPTEMBER NINE LAST. MC LEAN ALSO DESIRED AFFIDAVITS FROM ANY OTHER WITNESSES HEARING KASPER MAKE STATEMENTS INDICATING INTERFERENCE WITH ORDER TO DESEGREGATE . MC LEAN ALSO REQUESTED ELLEDGE CONSIDER RULING IN HOXIE CASE, AN ARKANSAS CASE. ELLEDGE HAS MADE NO REQUEST THAT THIS BUREAU CONDUCT IS THERE OR NOT PERSONS WISHING TO INTERFERE WITH SC. THE STAFF TO REVIEW WITH SUPREME COURT DECISION ON THE VALIDITY OF STATE MIGRATION STATUTES.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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In Reply, Please Refer to
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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

September 11, 1957

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON
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MR. BOARDMAN
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Today at a conference held in the Attorney General's office at which were present the Attorney General, Mr. Rufus McLean and Mr. Arthur Caldwell, of the Civil Rights Section of the Criminal Division, and Mr. Harold Healy, Executive Assistant to the Attorney General, the Attorney General stated he desired to discuss the Nashville, Tennessee situation. He asked Mr. McLean and Mr. Caldwell to brief him upon the developments.

In substance, they stated that the Mayor and the Board of Education at Nashville had been in to see the United States Attorney and had indicated a desire to file a petition for an injunction or restraining order to be issued against certain persons who are interfering with the integration of classes in the schools in Nashville and that the Mayor and the Board of Education desired that the Department of Justice join with the local authorities in this petition.

Mr. McLean stated that the Mayor had subsequently called and talked along the same lines to Mr. McLean and Mr. Caldwell and that when they endeavored to explain to the Mayor that the Department of Justice could not enter the situation at this time on its own motion, the Mayor then wanted to have inserted in the petition to be filed by the local authorities that the Department of Justice was willing to join in the petition. Mr. McLean and Mr. Caldwell stated that they had told the United States Attorney and the Mayor that they could not agree to this until the Attorney General had had an opportunity to consider it.

They stated that the Mayor was extremely adamant and he stated he did not intend to be blocked by technicalities of Washington officials and that he would make it public if he did not get what he wanted in the way of the Department of Justice joining with the local authorities in this petition.

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The Attorney General inquired of me as to what I thought the Department should do. I told the Attorney General that obviously I was not in a position to speak with any degree of assurance for the reason that the FBI had not conducted any investigations in Nashville incident to this matter and that I had no way of knowing what the Mayor had in the way of evidence to indicate interference with integration. I stated I thought it was very dangerous for the Federal Government to be joined in a proceeding predicated upon evidence about which we know nothing and which has been gathered by local authorities. I stated that in Arkansas the evidence which the Governor and his representatives turned over to the FBI was certainly inconclusive and that if the Department moved at Nashville on evidence of a similar type, it might quickly be thrown out of Court and the petition denied and that this would weaken the position of the Federal Government. I told the Attorney General that, of course, if the Federal Judge in Nashville directed the Department of Justice to enter the case as *amicus curiae* or directed that the FBI should make an investigation, then, of course, the Department should accede, but that no entrance into this case should be made by the Department except upon the specific request and at the direction of the Federal Judge. The Attorney General stated that he agreed with this position completely and he directed Mr. McLean and Mr. Caldwell to call the United States Attorney and advise him of the same. I interposed the suggestion at this time that it might be better for Mr. McLean and Mr. Caldwell to draft a specific statement of what the United States Attorney was supposed to say and limit him to that specific statement which would be cleared by the Attorney General first. I stated that this situation at Nashville was developing into a very nasty one and that no doubt the Mayor would make a very critical attack upon the Attorney General and the Department of Justice and that therefore any statement to be made should be carefully thought out and not left to an informal statement to be made by the United States Attorney. The Attorney General agreed with this suggestion and directed Mr. McLean and Mr. Caldwell to prepare such a statement and submit it to the Attorney General and also to submit a copy of it to me in order that it could be gone over.

I took occasion at this meeting to then raise the point as to over-all investigative procedures in Civil Rights cases. I stated that we had learned at Nashville that the Department had instructed the United States Attorney a few days ago to contact the Mayor and to have the Mayor procure from local police officers affidavits as to the speeches and activities of John Kasper for the purpose of introducing such affidavits in Federal Court for revocation of Kasper's bond. I stated that we had learned of this

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accidentally in the course of an investigation of Kasper, who had been alleged to have had some dynamite and nitroglycerin in his possession and might possibly be responsible for the bombing of the schoolhouse. Mr. Caldwell spoke up and stated he had issued the orders to the United States Attorney but had done so solely to not have the FBI embarrassed because he felt that if the FBI was out gathering affidavits, the newspapers might have headlines in due time that the FBI was looking into the bombing of the schoolhouse. Mr. McLean then spoke up and said it was he who had issued the orders to the United States Attorney and not Mr. Caldwell and he wanted to have that understood so that Mr. Caldwell would not be held responsible. My reply was that I did not desire to enter into any discussion as to prerogatives but the point I desired to make was that there should not be two agencies of the Department making investigations; that the FBI had been set up to conduct all investigations for all branches of the Department and that if any evidence was needed in any Federal proceeding, it should be gathered by the FBI and not by the United States Attorneys or any other Departmental representatives. I stated that I would welcome most heartily instructions from the Attorney General for the FBI to completely withdraw from all Civil Rights investigations and let them be handled by personnel of the Criminal Division and by United States Attorney personnel, but that as long as the FBI had a responsibility in making investigations and until the Attorney General directed to the contrary, I desired that the FBI have exclusive jurisdiction in such matters and that we not be embarrassed, interfered with or hindered by collateral or simultaneous investigations being made by Departmental attorneys or United States Attorneys. The Attorney General stated that he thoroughly agreed and that henceforth this would be the policy.

Before adjourning this conference, I called the Attorney General's attention to the case of Dr. Fine at Little Rock, Arkansas, who is Educational Editor of the New York Times, and pointed out that a statement had been taken by the Arkansas State Police from a girl student at Central High School at Little Rock to the effect that Dr. Fine had offered ten dollars to some boys to engage in a fight or demonstration. I stated that instructions had been issued to our Little Rock, Arkansas Office not to investigate this aspect in view of the fact that it involved the press but to call it to Judge Davies' attention when he returns to Little Rock on Friday and that if then the Judge desires that some investigation be made, he could so instruct the FBI. The Attorney General approved this procedure.

I also mentioned to the Attorney General the fact that there was developing a serious situation in Alabama where a group of persons presumed

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to be members of the Ku Klux Klan planned, within the next few days, to go out in a number of cars to certain Negro areas of that state and raid Negro homes looking for literature of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and that they intended to beat up at least one person in each house they searched. I stated that there had been some discussion that they might even kill a Negro in some of the homes that they intended to visit. I told the Attorney General we were bringing this information to the attention of state and local authorities today so that they could be prepared to take such action as might be appropriate. The Attorney General stated this was proper.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Rosenthal

DATE: September 17, 1957

FROM : F. L. Price 288

SUBJECT: INTEGRATION IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE
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SAC Lopez called on the telephone from Nashville to report that John Kasper was brought into state criminal court this morning on the charge of "inciting to riot," waived indictment, then requested and was granted 60 days in which to prepare for trial.

Kasper's bond remains fixed at \$2,500. At the time of Lopez' call, Kasper had not made this bond so he was remanded back to the Davidson County Jail. Lopez pointed out that the possibility exists that someone may make this bond for Kasper and obtain his release. Lopez said that city police had indicated that if Kasper was released they may re-arrest him on a charge of vagrancy.

Monday was a school holiday in Nashville. Schools resumed this morning and so far, according to Lopez, everything is peaceful and quiet. One school which has a normal enrollment of 370 pupils had previously reported only 104 students in attendance; however, this morning this same school has reported 303 students enrolled.

SAC Lopez stated that he is remaining in Nashville until instructions are received to the contrary from the Bureau. He was instructed to immediately begin preparing an investigative report reflecting the action taken previously on Reed and Norvell who were turned over to the Nashville Police Department.

cc Mr. Belmont

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Rosen

DATE: 9-16-57

FROM : E. E. Hammett

SUBJECT: INTEGRATION IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
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While you were out of the office, I received a call from SAC J. Lopez, Memphis, at 5:00 p.m., who stated that the hearing being held before Judge William Miller was still in progress. He said that Judge Miller is allowing each of the persons named in the petition to take the witness stand in their own behalf and, therefore, the hearing is dragging on. He said that all of the persons named in the petition were served and are now in court with the exception of James Jarrell, who the Marshal had been unable to locate and who may be a fictitious individual.

Lopez said that the hearing may be continued over until tomorrow, September 17, 1957, as it was now after 3:00 p.m. in Nashville. He said that John Kasper is still in jail on inciting a riot charges brought by the State. He will be arraigned tomorrow, September 17, 1957.

Lopez also stated there was no school being held in Nashville today as it was a holiday and, therefore, no incidents had arisen.

ACTION:

Lopez will advise immediately upon receiving the Judge's decision on the hearing he is now holding.

cc: Mr. Belmont

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TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: 9/11/57

FROM : A. H. Belmont

SUBJECT:

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Relative to the conference in the AG's office at 2 pm, the situation at Nashville briefly is as follows:

On 2/20/57 Judge William E. Miller approved a plan of the Nashville board of education to integrate grade one of the elementary schools of Nashville, beginning in 9/57. On 9/9/57, Nashville city schools opened with integrated first grades. There have been scattered instances of violence, with persons arrested by the local police for disorderly conduct. The local authorities have taken a strong stand against violence and disorder, and have served notice that persons causing disorders will be arrested.

About 1 a.m., 9/10, the Hattie R. Cotten school in Nashville was dynamited. Local authorities have arrested 5 individuals in connection with this dynamiting, but they consider them to be poor suspects.

JOHN KASPER:

John Kasper is out under Federal bond, having been convicted of violating a federal injunction directed against his anti-integration activities in Anderson County (Clinton), Tennessee. This is a separate judicial district from Nashville. Therefore, it would be a legal question whether Kasper's activities in the Nashville area could be used to revoke his bond in Anderson County.

Kasper, prior to the dynamiting of the school, had been active in holding meetings, advocating segregation, during which he made violent speeches. This is the basis on which local authorities acted against him, charging him with vagrancy, illegal parking, and incitement to riot. He was still in jail this morning on the latter charges.

The night of 9/7, [redacted] advised our agent in Nashville that [redacted] told him that Kasper had approached [redacted] claiming he had dynamite and power which he indicated were to [redacted]

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be used on a school. We interviewed [redacted] who denies this, and both men admit they had been drinking. On 9/10 the USA, acting on Department instructions, requested the Mayor to secure affidavits from Nashville policemen who had heard Kasper talk; these affidavits to be used to present to the federal court, looking toward revoking Kasper's bond or securing an injunction against him. These affidavits were to be ready by noon today, according to the USA.

Judge Miller indicated on 9/10 that he would favorably consider a request for an injunction to prevent interference with integration.

The Nashville school board met last night with Mayor West and this morning met with the USA, requesting an injunction to enjoin certain persons, whom they intend to name, from interfering with the integration program. They will submit speeches, photographs, and affidavits to support their position. In the event the injunction is issued by the Judge, the USA indicated the Bureau would be requested to develop any evidence of violations.

The USA is presently in touch with the Department as to what action the Government should take. The details of this, as reported telephonically from Memphis, were furnished by Mr. Rosen to Mr. Holloman, and submitted to the Director. At the present time the USA is awaiting advice from the Department as to whether the government should join with the school board and the Mayor, as amicus curiae, in seeking an injunction.

It has just been learned that they are also showing movies to the USA of Kasper's meetings, in order to revoke the bond outstanding against Kasper in Anderson County. As previously stated this is a legal question as to whether it can be done.

RECOMMENDATION:

We feel that, unlike the Arkansas situation, the local authorities have taken a strong and legal stand against violence and have sought to control the situation. We feel that the federal government should lend a hand, in view of the fact that the order for integration is a federal order.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Boardman *10/11/57*
 FROM : A. Rosen *9-12-57*

DATE: September 12, 1957

SUBJECT: INTEGRATION IN NASHVILLE SCHOOLS
 CIVIL RIGHTS - CONTEMPT OF COURT
 (Explosion - Hattie R. Cotten School, 9/10/57)

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While talking to Memphis, ASAC Halter advised me that there were no incidents this morning when school opened. One matter reported by the Police Department indicates that around 8:00 a. m. this morning, near the Caldwell School, which has been integrated, several white people in a car drove by the school and threw some stones at some Negroes. The car had KKK markings on it. The car nor its occupants have been identified. There have been no pickets or crowds on the streets in Nashville near the schools.

John *C* Kasper is still confined in the City Workhouse.

The USA is still in preparation of the petition which is to be filed. As soon as any further word concerning this is received, we will immediately be advised.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : F. L. PRICE

DATE: 9/11/57

FROM : A. ROSENJohn KasperSUBJECT: EXPLOSION IN HATTIE R. COTTER SCHOOLNASHVILLE, TENNESSEESEPTEMBER 10, 1957

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SAC Lopez, Memphis, called back and said that the meeting had been recessed and that he had gotten the following brief information for me concerning the meeting. It is noted, I had ¹¹⁶ ^{Hevan} called him because I hadn't heard from him and we had received information that the Department was going to have a meeting at 2:00 ^b that they wanted the Director to attend.

Lopez furnished this information. He said that the meeting had recessed; that Special Agent William L. Sheets had gotten to a phone and told him that the school board has now prepared a written and formal letter to the U. S. Attorney asking for investigation and an injunction on the theory that the individuals who are to be named are interfering with the school board and carrying out the court's order.

May 11, 1957 and the school board want the Government to join this petition seeking this injunction. The U. S. Attorney has not given his views at this point. He, however, called A. B. Caldwell in Washington and conferred with him.

According to Agent Sheets, Caldwell told U. S. Attorney Elledge that the Government ought not to join in this petition because of lack of authority; that the Government might be kicked out of court if they join in this petition.

Sheets also said that Mayor West completed a lengthy and heated argument by phone with reference to this situation with Caldwell. I asked Lopez if he had gotten any further details from Sheets concerning this and he stated that he had called Sheets out of the meeting for the purpose of getting this information and that he had just learned that the meeting had recessed so that the U. S. Attorney could talk with Judge Miller.

I instructed Lopez that he should make immediate arrangements so that Sheets would call me direct; that I wanted additional details concerning why the Government lacked authority, etc., as he had related above.

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Memorandum for Mr. Price
Re: Explosion in Hattie R. Cotten School
Nashville, Tennessee, 9/10/57

I gave the above information to the Director's Office and it was sent in to the Director.

I subsequently got a direct call from Sheets. He told me that with reference to the Mayor, he was very much upset; that he took the position that the Federal Court had ordered desegregation; that the school board had accepted it in good faith even though they disagreed; that in view of the fact that there had been interference with the Federal Court order, he felt very strongly that the Government should help at this time. There was an exchange of conversation which Agent Sheets could not hear although he did hear the Mayor's comments. The Mayor, in talking with Caldwell, expressed the above views and then said, "To Hell with it. You are more stupid than I think you are." Apparently Caldwell told the Mayor that he didn't feel the Government should join in the petition.

The recess was called so that the U. S. Attorney could go and talk to the Judge.

After this information was obtained, it was furnished to the Director's Office and subsequently Sheets advised me in a very short time that the U. S. Attorney had come back from talking with the Judge and it appeared that the Judge had indicated that the school board should file a petition and in the petition they should ask the United States to join as amicus curiae. The petition would seek an injunction against certain named individuals who allegedly are interfering with the court order of integration previously issued. The U. S. Attorney could join in this petition without filing a separate motion. After Elledge returned from the conference with Judge Miller, he called Washington and has a call in to Washington for the purpose of discussing this matter. We have not heard the results of this conference which Elledge desired to have telephonically with the Department. This information was furnished to the Director's Office.

Subsequently, Sheets advised me that the Mayor has submitted movies which were taken reflecting Kasper at various meetings talking against integration. The local authorities are submitting this information to the U. S. Attorney and it is understood that this is being considered by the U. S. Attorney's Office as possibly basis for seeking to revoke the bond which is presently outstanding in the Knoxville territory on Kasper.

Memorandum for Mr. Price

Re: Explosion in Hattie R. Cotten School
Nashville, Tennessee, 9/10/57

It is recalled Kasper was convicted and found guilty on one charge of contempt and is out on \$10,000 bond. This case is on appeal and presently is on a writ to the Supreme Court for certiorari. The other charge against Kasper resulted in conviction and he hasn't been sentenced yet. It is expected he will be sentenced some time this month or in October. No date has been set. He is out on \$1,000 bond on this charge. The legality of this step to revoke a bond outstanding in another judicial district raises a legal question as to whether a court order in one district would apply in another district. It also appears that it would be necessary to file a motion to show cause as to why the bond should not be revoked before such action can be taken to revoke it and this would require the submission of information or evidence to the court in Knoxville (this covers Clinton, Tennessee) before the court would revoke the bond.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 9/10/57

FROM: *W.H.* SAC, CHARLOTTE (105-558)

SUBJECT: FREDERICK JOHN KASPER
aka John Kasper
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There are enclosed for the Bureau 2 copies each of the following newspaper items concerning KASPER:

- (1) Editorial in Chapel Hill News Leader, Chapel Hill, N. C., 8/29/57.
- ✓ (2) Editorial and cartoon in Daily News, Greensboro, N. C., 9/1/57.
- (3) Editorial in Winston-Salem Journal, Winston-Salem, N. C., 9/2/57.
- (4) Editorial in Daily Times News, Burlington, N. C., 9/2/57.
- (5) Editorial in the Charlotte News, Charlotte, N. C., 9/3/57.

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NEWS ITEMS:

- Charlotte News, Charlotte, N. C., 8/29/57.
- Charlotte Observer, Charlotte, N. C., 8/30/57.
- Charlotte News, Charlotte, N. C., 8/30/57.
- ✓ Charlotte Observer, Charlotte, N. C., 9/2/57.
- ✓ Charlotte Observer, Charlotte, N. C., 9/2/57.
- ✓ Charlotte Observer, Charlotte, N. C., 9/4/57. (2 articles)
- Twin City Sentinel, Winston-Salem, N. C., 8/31/57.
- Winston-Salem Journal, Winston-Salem, N. C., 8/31/57.
- II ✓ Journal and Sentinel, Winston-Salem, N. C., 9/1/57. (2 articles)
- ✓ Winston-Salem Journal, Winston-Salem, N. C., 9/2/57.
- Greensboro Daily News, Greensboro, N. C., 8/31/57
- III ✓ Daily News, Greensboro, N. C., 9/1/57. (3 articles).
- Greensboro Record, Greensboro, N. C., 9/1/57.
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It is noted that the Winston-Salem Journal of 8/31/57 reflects KASPER stated that after visiting cities in North Carolina he will return to Nashville, Tennessee, after which he will visit Little Rock, Arkansas, about the middle of September 1957, and then return to Winston-Salem.

The Charlotte office is not conducting any investigation on KASPER, but will continue to follow his activities through newspapers and public sources.

On 9/2/57, Chief of Police FRANK N. LITTLEJOHN, Charlotte, N. C., contacted ASAC HAROLD E. WELBORN of the Charlotte office and volunteered the statement that he was closely following the activities of KASPER and if possible would arrest him if he created any public disturbance. He added that the City Ordinances on the subject were rather weak, and he doubted he could take any direct action unless actual violence occurred.

On 9/3/57, Chief LITTLEJOHN advised SAs BOIS D. CROCKER and JAMES M. UNDERHILL that he had received information from Dr. ELMO GARRINGER of the Charlotte School Board of the identity of 2 persons who were present at a meeting held by KASPER at the home of JOHN Z. WARICK, 4418 Loch Leven Street, Charlotte. These persons were DON HARPER, 833 Seigle Avenue, and HAROLD REEMS, 1707 Fleetwood, Charlotte.

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Kasper Takes Campaign To Charlotte

(Another story on B-1)

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In Winston-Salem he was greeted by hoots and jeers from a crowd of about 200, both white and Negro.

Here—and in Greensboro—crowds of about 300 persons listened in silence as the 27-year-old Kasper preached his doctrine of white supremacy.

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7 P.M. TONIGHT

Kasper Plans Speech On Courthouse Lawn

John Kasper, touring segregationist, announced early today that he plans to make a speech on the Guilford County Courthouse lawn in Greensboro to night at 7 p.m.

Kasper telephoned the announcement to the Greensboro Daily News from Winston-Salem, where he was spending the night after his arrival from Nashville, Tenn., where he had attempted to discourage desegregation in the schools.

Kasper said, "I expect we'll have a pretty good crowd in Greensboro."

He commented, "It seems to me you have a rather unique situation here in North Carolina. I've never run into a situation where the school board took it upon itself to desegregate the schools, except in Maryland. Usually they are hauled into court first."

Kasper said his tentative plans call for a trip to Raleigh on Sun-

day but added he might omit Raleigh "since they decided not to let the Negro in." (The Raleigh School Board turned down a Negro pupil's application for admission to a white school. The case has been taken to a federal court.)

Kasper said he definitely plans to go to Charlotte, either Sunday or Monday, and he said he will make two speeches there, probably Monday afternoon and Monday night. He did not say where.

After Monday, he said, he plans to go back to Tennessee.

Kasper said he plans another trip to Greensboro and other North Carolina points late in September "to set up some kind of organization."

Kasper, a 27-year-old Northerner, is free on bond awaiting sentence for a criminal contempt of court conviction for interfering with peaceful school integration at Clinton, Tenn.

His announcement earlier this month that he would visit North Carolina was greeted then with expressions of displeasure by newspapers, state officials and even by organized segregationists in the state.

Gov. Hodges commented: "from what I have read and heard, I don't think we need him in North Carolina."

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John Kasper Gets Cold Shoulder From Hodges

RALEIGH — The state's first citizen Thursday gave the cold shoulder to would-be visitor John Kasper, segregation agitator in Tennessee.

Gov. Hodges said, "I don't know Mr. Kasper and I hope I don't have to know him."

"From what I read and what I hear, I don't think we need him in North Carolina."

He made the remarks in response to questions at his weekly press conference.

Kasper's pro-segregation activities in Clinton, Tenn., re-

sulted in his conviction on contempt charges.

From his Tennessee base, he announced he plans to hold rallies in courthouses in Charlotte, Greensboro, Winston-Salem and Raleigh.

County commissioners in the four counties have displayed no enthusiasm for Kasper's ideas. In some of them, hints have been dropped that Kasper will have a tough time "using the courthouses as a platform.

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POLICE CHIEF BELIEVES Kasper Won't Come Here

By JULIAN SCHEER
Charlotte News Staff Writer

John Kasper is not coming to Charlotte.

That's the opinion of Police Chief Frank N. Littlejohn.

Chief Littlejohn says he may be wrong, but, "Kasper knows how I feel. He has the word."

The word is, "I don't want him in Charlotte. I don't think anyone else wants him in Charlotte. He definitely knows how I feel and I hear he is not coming."

The segregationist has been the object of a News search today. A check in Winston-Salem, Greensboro and here re-

veals he is not in the area now.

Reports last night had Kasper leaving Nashville and heading east. However, the best bet right now is that Kasper is still in Nashville.

Members of the Patriots of North Carolina—who say they don't want Kasper in the state—and Ku Klux Klan members say they have no knowledge of Kasper's appearance in these parts.

One rumor today had Kasper speaking at the County Courthouse tonight. There's no foundation for the rumor.

"I haven't heard anything about Kasper being here,"

County Chairman Sid V. McAden said today.

Kasper, who skyrocketed to prominence in Clinton, Tenn., was informed of Chief Littlejohn's objections through "Nashville connections of mine," the chief said.

NOT WELCOME

"He doesn't have any place to speak," Littlejohn added, "and he may as well stay where he is. He knows he is not welcome here."

Officials in Greensboro and Winston-Salem spent the morning tracking down Kasper.

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"leads," but it appears he is not in those areas either.

"I know one thing," Chief Littlejohn said. "I will use every resource in my power to keep him from causing a disturbance in this city. I will use lawful, peaceful means and will do my best for the best interest of the 160,000 people who have paid me to represent them the past 30 years."

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Kasper in Winston-Salem

IF JOHN KASPER expected to attract a large and sympathetic audience of Twin Citians Saturday on the Courthouse lawn, he was disappointed. If, as he said during his oft-interrupted talk, his aim was to organize a group of segregationists here, he was probably more successful.

It is hard to say whether Kasper's reception here played into his hands or not. From the beginning his every statement was challenged by a group of hecklers, for the most part Negroes. Generally, the heckling was good-natured, surprisingly so because of some of the blunt anti-Negro statements that he made. Toward the end, some of the white listeners on the fringe of the crowd became vocal in his defense, and it was then that he called off the speech, walked to the southwest corner of the Courthouse lawn and proceeded to sign up sympathizers. That was, most likely, his main reason for coming here in the first place.

What Kasper said was pretty much in the expected pattern. Most of his statements were from the well worn stock in

trade of the rabble rousers. In accusing local and state officials in Tennessee and North Carolina of fostering integration for the purpose of covering up "personal and political corruption," he was just talking nonsense. He wasn't specific about the corruption in Winston-Salem or in North Carolina nor did he explain what possible connection this charge had with the passage of the school assignment law or the Pearsall Plan which are, presumably, his main targets in this state.

Kasper may have found a few sympathetic individuals who will buy his brand of intolerance. But most people here have no use for his methods. They are capable of finding their own solutions to the problems that the Supreme Court's desegregation decision created.

When Kasper first said he was coming to North Carolina, it was the almost unanimous opinion of the state—including the Patriots—that he was neither needed nor wanted here. His appearance in Winston-Salem only confirms that judgment.

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Kasper Said Bound For N. C.

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Segregationist John Kasper didn't do so well in Tennessee's capital city.

The self-described "professional rabble rouser" from the north came to Nashville several days ago to combat first grade grammar school desegregation in the city school system.

He brough along dodgers warning darkly of "race riots, murder, dynamitings and hangings" if the city went through with its plans.

Kasper departed for parts unknown in North Carolina last night after Nashville had gone through quietly and without serious incident thus far the preliminaries to desegregation. Registration of first graders was held this week for the formal opening of school on Sept. 9 with whites and Negroes in some schools for the first time.

During his stay Kasper held nightly meetings in the courthouse square. Despite inflammatory dodgers ballyhooing the meetings as designed to thwart desegregation and save Nashville "from ruin forever" he got scant notice. A photo of his meeting the night of Aug. 28 showed he had less than 50 listeners, which was about the average size of his audiences.

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Jeers Greet Kasper In Twin City

By ED FRIEDENBERG
Staff Reporter

A hooting, jeering Winston-Salem crowd of nearly 200 outtalked New Jersey's noisy segregationist John Kasper at a meeting on Forsyth Courthouse Square this afternoon.

Mr. Kasper arrived at the Courthouse at noon to make a well-publicized talk against desegregation in Winston-Salem schools.

He was met by a dozen reporters and a scattering of policemen. Reporter Velma Hopkins of the Negro Carolina Times tried to interview him, but he balked at the question: "Were you created by God, or were you made by someone who makes only white people?"

He turned from her and walked to the Confederate monument and urged people to "come up on the grass so we won't block the sidewalk."

A crowd slowly gathered. It was mixed about half Negro and half white.

Asked for Preacher

Mr. Kasper began by asking for "Preacher Caudle." He got no answer and said he had hoped to open the meeting with a prayer.

This prompted a laugh, but W. L. Phillips, who describes himself as a "retired evangelist of no denomination," stepped to a radio station's microphone and asked God's blessing on "this man of boldness and courage."

"All Christian men of both races," Mr. Phillips prayed, "is not wanting this thing." (He was apparently referring to desegregation.)

Mr. Kasper then took the microphone and started his speech, but could make little headway against the questions, hoots and barbs from some of the Negro members of the crowd.

Mr. Kasper suggested that the Winston-Salem school board had taken steps toward desegregation because of the personal corruption of its members. He said this was the case in Clinton, Tenn.

(Mr. Kasper has been convicted of contempt of court for his segregation efforts in Clinton.)

Names Organizations as Reds

He called the NAACP a communist front organization, declared that anyone who contributed to the Forsyth County United Fund was contributing to desegregation because the Urban League is a member of it, and described Justice Felix Frankfurter as a "Viennese Jew with Communist leanings."

He accused Negroes of assault and attack on white girls and claimed that they would bring venereal disease and crime into the schools.

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That brought forth one of the biggest laughs.

The crowd's attitude was mixed. Jest was mixed with serious comment, and there was an occasional threat.

When Mr. Kasper listed "radical" organizations like the Communist party, the Urban League and the NAACP, he was advised "don't forget the White Citizens' Committees."

The Rev. Mr. Mack got a round of applause when he told Mr. Kasper that "We've had peace here for a decade . . . We don't need anything here like you."

Mr. Kasper waited nervously with clenched lips through most of this counter-talk and then would resume his speech.

The meeting was broken up about 12:45 p.m. when a large section of the crowd, white and Negro, began chanting "Go home, Kasper. Go home, Kasper."

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No Apparent Organized N. C. Backing

Segregationist Kasper Arrives Here, Plans Speech Today

By Roy Thompson

Staff Reporter

John Kasper, the New Jersey segregationist, brought his fight against integration of Southern schools into Winston-Salem last night.

Mr. Kasper plans to speak outside the Forsyth County Courthouse at noon today.

During the morning, his address will be advertised with leaflets addressed to "White Citizens of Winston-Salem."

The leaflets open with the statement that:

"Our school board has sold us out."

"Load your shot-guns, we will have to defend ourselves and our children."

Late last night, in his room at Kembley Inn, Mr. Kasper said he also plans to speak at the Guilford County Courthouse in Greensboro at 7 p.m. today.

He may go to Raleigh to speak Sunday, he said. If he does not, he will go to Charlotte. He has no arranged speaking place in either city.

If he goes to Raleigh tomorrow, he said, he will visit Charlotte on Labor Day.

He plans at least one speech in Charlotte. Perhaps two.

Apparently, Mr. Kasper comes to North Carolina without the backing of any organ-

ized anti-segregation group in the state.

He said he had not discussed his Winston-Salem plans with anyone here.

"I just know some people in High Point," he said, "and they told me there were some people here, but I haven't been able to contact any of them yet."

(C. L. Shuping, Greensboro, general counsel for the pro-segregation Patriots of North Carolina, Inc., has said, of Kasper: "We want no such man.")

In announcing his planned address at the courthouse here, Mr. Kasper displayed the leaflet that will be used to advertise it.

It referred to the U. S. Supreme Court as "Commie-controlled."

It referred to "the Devil's School Board."

It referred to "N. C. Jew's papers" and "local lowdown politicians" and to Negroes as a "rapist-venereal disease illegitimate race."

It urged white citizens to "Be at the courthouse" and "Find out what you can do about this rotten mess the politicians have made."

The leaflet states that those attending the meeting will "hear John Kasper and others."

Mr. Kasper did not say who



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the other speakers will be.

This trip into North Carolina, he said, is going to be a fast one because he feels he is needed back at Nashville, Tenn., where he is leading an anti-segregation movement.

He drove here alone from Nashville yesterday, he said.

After his three or four-city tour of North Carolina, he plans to return to Nashville. He will visit Little Rock, Ark., about

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mid-September, he said, and will then return to Winston-Salem.

He said the purpose of his one-day visit here and similar visits to other cities in the state is:

"To get a basic organization started . . . I think we can get something going here right away."

When asked what he had in mind, he replied:

"We might be able to organize a boycott. It might be hard with just one of them going into school."

Mr. Kasper is 28. He is tall and neatly dressed. He speaks in a polite, quiet voice during interviews, and he fiddles with his fingers most of the time he is talking.

He came here wearing a large white button with this message: "Keep Our White Schools White."

He said he had gotten no money from North Carolina to pay his bills.

"The people in Nashville just made up some money for me to come here on," he said.

At the moment, he is appealing two contempt of court convictions that have netted him jail sentences for anti-integration work in other cities.

He didn't speak of those, but he was ready with an answer to

one question that has puzzled a good many Southerners:

"Why do you, a Northerner, come south to fight integration? Why not do it back in New Jersey?"

Mr. Kasper said he came to the South because "The South has the most homogeneous white stock in the United States."

The North, he said, has decayed because of the mixture of "alien elements — not only Negroes, East Europeans, Slavics and Italians."

"I'm just going to alert people to the dangers of race destruction," he said.

Mr. Kasper said that he sees in the desegregation movement "a devilish effort to destroy the vigorous white race."

He has no meetings planned in Winston-Salem except for the speech scheduled by him for noon.

He added, however, that he expects to talk with a number of persons interested in his cause while he is in the city.

Small Crowds And Jeers Greet Kasper In State

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At Winston-Salem Saturday, he told his jeering audience:

"We want to see that the boys and girls don't go into that school (Reynolds High School, where one Negro pupil has been assigned) as long as that nigger's there. Let 'em try to run the schools without any white students in school."

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THE KASPER TREATMENT

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JOHN KASPER, the northern segregationist who now calls Nashville, Tenn., his home, may express the sentiments of many people when he takes his racial stand, but we do not feel that he, individually, represents to them the way the problem can be handled in the South.

A person can believe in segregation but still not be in favor of one who would try to inspire riot and lawlessness. Most clear-thinking people, conscious of the big problem that segregation has shown itself to be, realize that extremism on either side of the question cannot be the answer.

Kasper, in his North Carolina appearance through this weekend, drew several hundred people to hear him in Winston-Salem, Greensboro and Charlotte. Many of his listeners were there to see what he would say without being counted among his admirers. Some others were present to heckle him. Still others were there to shake his hand and give him encouragement.

By all measurements, however, the majority of the people in these three cities showed overwhelmingly that they were not looking to him to guide their way on the segregation issue, or more of them would have been present. More of them, too, would have joined him outwardly in his work.

No one knows what the future holds for the South in meeting this question. We know that our region does not want integration, and we know, too, that the feeling is deep in the hearts and minds of those who express themselves.

Yet we know that local leadership, working through individual state legislatures and having the benefit of every law that applies to the subject, will come closer to working in the interests of the people they represent than does John Kasper, who is not one of them but who apparently has assumed the role of the leader for those who prefer his approach.

The South has had to face many problems since the Civil War. They even have reached the point where survival has been in question. Yet these problems, through the years, have never been solved through the help offered by insincere people or those who would put their own selves above the interests of the people they would represent. The South, instead, has come to its prominence today by working together, by individuals and collective groups understanding one another, and by relying upon its own people, primarily, for leadership and guidance, be it in local communities, in their states, or through their representatives in Washington.

Seldom has the South been forced to leave its own ranks in order to achieve its goals.

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John Kasper: In Defense Of Ticks

JOHN Kasper, the itinerant racist, likened himself here Sunday to a "Tennessee tick."

It's as good a definition as any, we suppose, for the former proprietor of an integrated bookshop and giver of integrated dancing parties in Greenwich Village who has come South at the venerable age of 26 to deliver us all from Luther Hodges and Billy Graham. Gov. Hodges and Dr. Graham, we dare say, will survive Kasper's gratuitous insults and manage to go their ways without his blessings. But we are not so sure about the Tennessee ticks.

Ticks are parasitic by nature and have many other objectionable characteristics, none of which need to be detailed here. A less well known thing about ticks is that they have their noses in their knees.

With the exception of the last, Kasper may indeed find in these ticky characteristics some resemblance to himself.

But in fairness to all the North Carolina ticks, related as they are to the Tennessee family, a distinction should be drawn. They stay in their place.

The bohemian haunts of Greenwich Village are calling, Mr. Kasper.

Go home.

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Kasper Draws 300 At Charlotte

CHARLOTTE, Sept. 1 (AP) — John Kasper, 27-year-old segregationist, came to town today to organize a White Citizen's Council to deal with what he called the "crisis in Charlotte."

Some 300 people sat on the courthouse steps in sweltering heat as the former Greenwich Village bookseller preached the Kasper doctrine in a dull monotone for about an hour.

Many carried cameras and were obviously there out of curiosity. Services at a Negro church across the street from the courthouse ended shortly before Kasper began speaking.

Kasper put evangelist Billy Graham in the latter category, saying:

"Billy Graham left here a white man but he's coming back a nigger-lover."

A number of the Negroes stayed and listened, tightlipped, as Kasper discussed integration in general, and the admission of 11 Negro children to previously all-white schools in three North Carolina cities in particular.

Kasper made his pitch in Greensboro and Winston-Salem yesterday where a total of six Negro pupils have been assigned to previously all white schools. In Charlotte, five Negro pupils have been reassigned, but one changed residence, reducing the number to four.

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Kasper's speech today followed the line of those he made in Winston-Salem and Greensboro. He had something to say about school boards in the three cities, the Supreme Court, the NAACP, and "all these preachers who preach the brotherhood of man."

After the courthouse meeting, he asked those interested in organizing a citizen's council to gather on the courthouse lawn and give him their names and addresses.

Police Chief Frank Littlejohn elbowed through the group and ordered them off the grass.

Kasper and about 40 other people later met at a private residence.

Kasper was convicted in Tennessee recently of violating a court order in connection with integration of the Clinton, Tenn., High School. He is free on appeal.

He said he was returning to Nashville, Tenn., tonight and planned to go to Little Rock, Ark., about the middle of the month. He said he expected to return to North Carolina after the Little Rock trip.

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300 Hear Kasper In Charlotte

CHARLOTTE (AP)—John Kasper, who makes his living preaching white supremacy, came to Charlotte yesterday after speaking Saturday in Winston-Salem and Greensboro.

In Winston-Salem he was greeted by hoots and jeers from a crowd of about 200, both white and Negro.

Here—and in Greensboro—crowds of about 300 persons listened in silence as the 27-year-old Kasper preached his doctrine of white supremacy.

School boards in the three cities have reassigned a total of 11 Negro pupils to previously all-white schools. Thus, the Kasper appearances.

He said he wanted to organize white citizen's councils in the three cities to oppose integration of the schools. In each city, he met with a small group to form a council.

Kasper, his cowlick sticking to his perspiring forehead, exhorted his sweltering Charlotte audience to do something about what he called the "crisis in Charlotte."

His speech here followed the pattern of those in Winston-Salem and Greensboro.

He denounced the school boards, Gov. Hodges, the Supreme Court, the NAACP, newspapers, and preachers "who preach the brotherhood of man." He put evangelist Billy Graham among the latter group. Kasper said Graham "left here a white man but he's coming back a nigger-lover."

His words brought a spattering of applause from the whites at times.

He drew applause at one point when he said:

"We ain't all equal. . . God just didn't give the nigger the same brains—He didn't give them the same outlook—He didn't give them the same anything."

Kasper did manage to run afoul of the law in Charlotte. He invited those who wanted to organize a citizen's council to join him on the courthouse lawn.

Police Chief Frank Littlejohn el-

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Kasper and told him he would

have to get off the grass.

At Winston-Salem Saturday, he

told his jeering audience;

"We want to see that the boys and girls don't go into that school (Reynolds High School, where one Negro pupil has been assigned) as long as that nigger's there. Let 'em try to run the schools without any white students in school."

He left Charlotte for Nashville, but said he planned to return to North Carolina after the middle of the month.

His tirade completed, Kasper talked to newsmen briefly. Asked about his own record of attending mixed social functions and dancing with Negro girls, Kasper said he was "trying to learn something about them."

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"Kasper's Disciples Meet"

Seventy-seven persons attended the school meeting of a budding Mecklenburg "white citizens council" at the Courthouse Tuesday night.

The group, organized Sunday by wandering segregationist John Kasper, signed up six new dues-paying (\$3 each) members.

Thirty-eight of the 77 appeared to be potential members of the council. There were 12 curious schoolboys and children, eight Negroes, nine reporters and 10 police and detectives.

No announcements of planned action in connection with today's school opening were made.

The group listened to speeches for nearly two hours, but transacted little business. A business

meeting will be set up in the near future, leaders said.

Mr. and Mrs. John Z. Warlick appeared to be the organization's leaders.

Mrs. Warlick advocated sending "question mark" telegrams to Gov. Luther Hodges—in question form so the writer could not be sued for libel. She suggested these questions for the governor:

"Are you yellow? Will you take a stand? Where is your backbone? Are you black or white?"

A. W. Bell, another leader of the group, told the meeting that white citizens council "don't criticize nor endorse the Ku Klux Klan. But in some case they are both after the same ends."

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Courthouse Open To All, Provided . . .

Segregationist John Kasper's visit to Charlotte Sunday raised questions concerning use of the courthouse at the County Commissioners' meeting Tuesday.

The question arose after L.L. Ledbetter, city treasurer, told the board the Veterans of World War I, an organization of which Ledbetter is a member, wanted to go on record as opposing "any group promoting race hatred."

This prompted Commission Chairman Sid McAden to ask the board to formulate a policy regulating the use of the courthouse.

Referring to Kasper and his group, Commissioner Herbert Garrison said, "As far as I'm concerned I'd like to keep them off the courthouse square."

The question was put to County Attorney Henry Dockery.

"The Mecklenburg courthouse belongs to the people of Mecklenburg County and we have been giving them permission to use it," he said.

"And if a properly organized group wants to use it -- no matter what its beliefs -- I don't see how you can legally deny them the use of it. Provided, of course, it's an orderly, lawful meeting."

Following Dockery's statement, the question was dropped.

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Confused Kasper Promises Return

By JULIAN SCHEER

Charlotte News Staff Writer
Segregationist John Kasper, who apparently knew little of the North Carolina school situation, was greeted by a small and less than enthusiastic crowd here yesterday.

Between 300 and 400 people gathered in the shade on the Mecklenburg County Courthouse steps at 1:10 p.m., to listen to Kasper.

They were told to "sign petitions or do whatever the procedure is here" to prevent integration of the schools. Kasper also suggested moving the schools Wednesday and noted that the high school boys in Greensboro are going to "take care of the situation" there.

Kasper repeatedly mentioned Tuesday as the opening date for Charlotte schools. (They actually open Wednesday). He did not know the name of the county in which he was speaking.

STRONG VOICE

Kasper, a lanky man with a clear, strong voice, spoke for an hour and twenty minutes and provoked little enthusiasm. A post-meeting get-together saw approximately 15 people sign up for a Charlotte chapter of the white citizens council. He spoke for 35 minutes without applause or apparent support before some members of the crowd warmed up to his remarks.

The crowd numbered about 130 when Kasper started his long talk. A great number of the group were newspapermen and police officers. The group grew to between 300 and 400, including many Negroes.

The Kasper speech, a carbon copy of the speech he has been giving all over the South for a year, blasted Negroes, Jews, Catholics, the U. S. Supreme Court, the "creeping amalgamation of the U. S. government," the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Communists and the Rev. Billy Graham.

ATTACKS GRAHAM

Kasper drew applause when he called Dr. Graham a "do-gooder" and a "nigger-lover." He also said Graham is a "Communist-lover and making a big business of it."

The audience was sprinkled with a number of members of the segregationist group, the Patriots of North Carolina, Inc. Many of that group's leadership, well known in Charlotte, stayed away. Some alleged members of the Ku Klux Klan were present and some Klan members made jokes about Kasper's personal background.

Some Klan members left the Kasper meeting and went to the Visulite Theatre where they picketed the motion picture "Island In the Sun" which they termed an "integrationist" movie. Police Chief Frank N. Littlejohn dispensed the pickets. Kasper led off his talk by asking his listeners to recite the Lord's Prayer with him. He was greeted by silence and repeated the prayer alone.

SOME HECKLING

When the 26-year-old New Yorker finished his speech he was heckled by a few white and Negro listeners. One Negro in the audience suggested to a police officer that Kasper be arrested for using obscenity in public, alluding to the use of the word "nigger."

Kasper told the group that he would like to organize a white citizens council in Charlotte and asked those interested to join him on the Courthouse lawn a few feet from the steps of the building.

About 50 followers joined him on the grass, but Kasper was promptly greeted by Police Chief Littlejohn.

Chief Littlejohn identified himself and told Kasper he'd have to get off the grass and get on the cement pavement. Kasper left the grassed area without hesitation, but not until Littlejohn asked about a line in a Kasper handout which said, "Load your shotguns, we will have to defend ourselves and our children . . ."

KASPER EXPLAINS

Chief Littlejohn wanted to know if Kasper was attempting to incite a riot. Kasper explained that the mimeographed sheet was not intended for use in Charlotte and later told newsmen that "shotguns" was used as a metaphor, symbolizing action.

Kasper was invited to hold an organizational meeting at the home of John Z. Warlick, 4418 Loch Leven St., and about 15 members were signed up. The group, which is reported headed by Don Harper, Rt. 6, will reportedly meet again Tuesday night on the Courthouse steps.

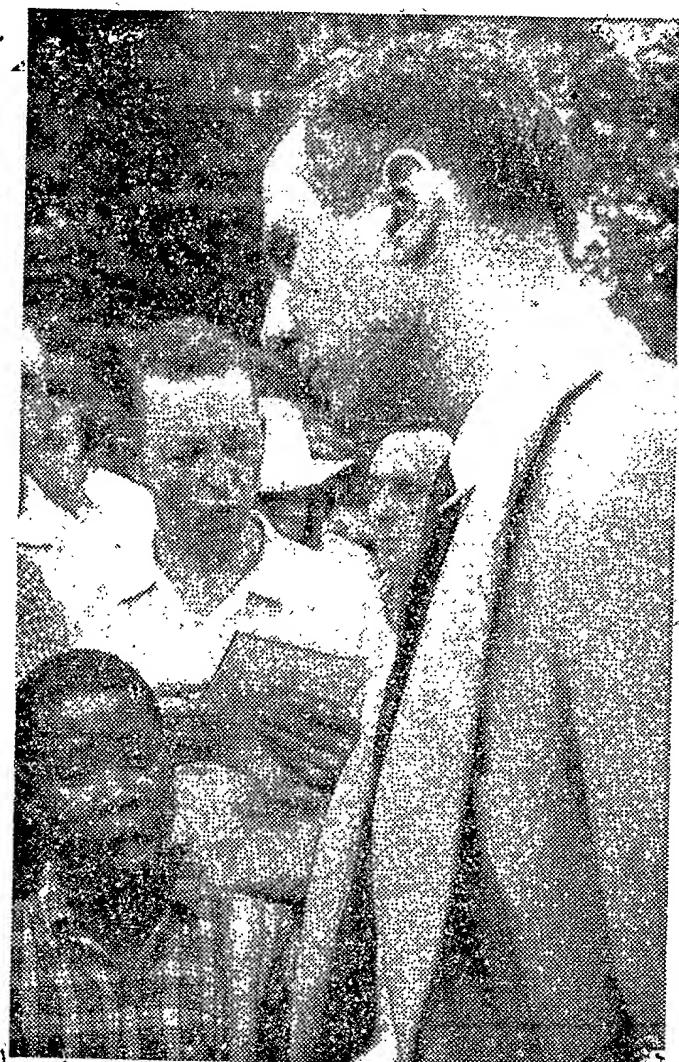
Kasper also said he would return after Sept. 15 for a meeting here.

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Kasper Answers Questions After Courthouse Meeting

Kasper Raps School Board, Has Run-In With Littlejohn

By LARRY JINKS
Observer Staff Writer

John Kasper, the disturbed young New Jerseyite who feeds on southern racial unrest, came to Charlotte Sunday and issued a hoarse call for action against the city school board.

Kasper spoke for more than an hour to a curious crowd of about 300 gathered on and around the courthouse steps.

Later, he had a brief brush with Police Chief Frank Littlejohn on the courthouse lawn. He wound up his visit with a meeting at a local home where he organized his version of a "white citizens' council."

Kasper invited his listeners to sit down on the courthouse steps and asked if there was a preacher present. No one volunteered so he asked everyone to join him in the Lord's Prayer.

As he recited it, no other voice was audible.

His speech began with a long and involved blast at the U. S. Supreme Court, dotted with references to "Communists" and "New York Jews."

As he had in Greensboro and Winston-Salem the day before, Kasper urged that pressure be put on the school board for voting to admit Negro pupils to white schools.

"We want a heart attack, we want nervous breakdowns, we want suicides, we want flight from persecution," he said.

He urged a boycott of desegregated schools by white parents and called for picketing when schools open Wednesday.

Kasper praised the United Southern Employes Association, a segregationist union which is seeking to organize Charlotte's garbage workers.

And he sharply criticized the Rev. Billy Graham.

"They say Billy Graham is coming back here!" he cried. "Billy Graham left here a white man but he's coming back a nigger-lover."

At the end of his talk he urged those interested in forming a citizens' council to join him on the lawn. When he reached the grass, he ran smack into a gray-haired figure familiar to most Charlatans.

"I'm Police Chief Frank Littlejohn," the man told Kasper, flashing a badge. "You'll have to get off the grass."

Kasper started back to the sidewalk, but Littlejohn halted him, displaying a leaflet the lanky visitor had passed out.

"The school board has sold us out," the leaflet began. "Load your shotguns, we will have to defend ourselves and our children. . . ."

"What's this about shotguns?" demanded Littlejohn. "Are you inciting a riot?"

"No, no, nothing like that," muttered Kasper.

He told newsmen later he used the word "shotguns" as a metaphor, symbolizing action.

Questioned by reporters, Kasper said he saw no contradiction between his own past record of attending mixed social functions and dancing with Negro girls and his present position.

"I was trying to learn something about them," he said.

Asked to reconcile a remark from his speech—"I don't see why anybody would go where he's not wanted"—with the fact that he came to Charlotte in the face of almost universal pleas that he remain away, he said his statement didn't apply in this situation.

With a small group of admirers pressing around him, he arranged for the citizens' council organization meeting to be held in the yard of Mrs. John Z. Warlick, 4418 Lock Leven St.

Kasper said he planned to return to Charlotte in middle of September.

"I'm just like a Tennessee tick," he said. "You can't get rid of me."

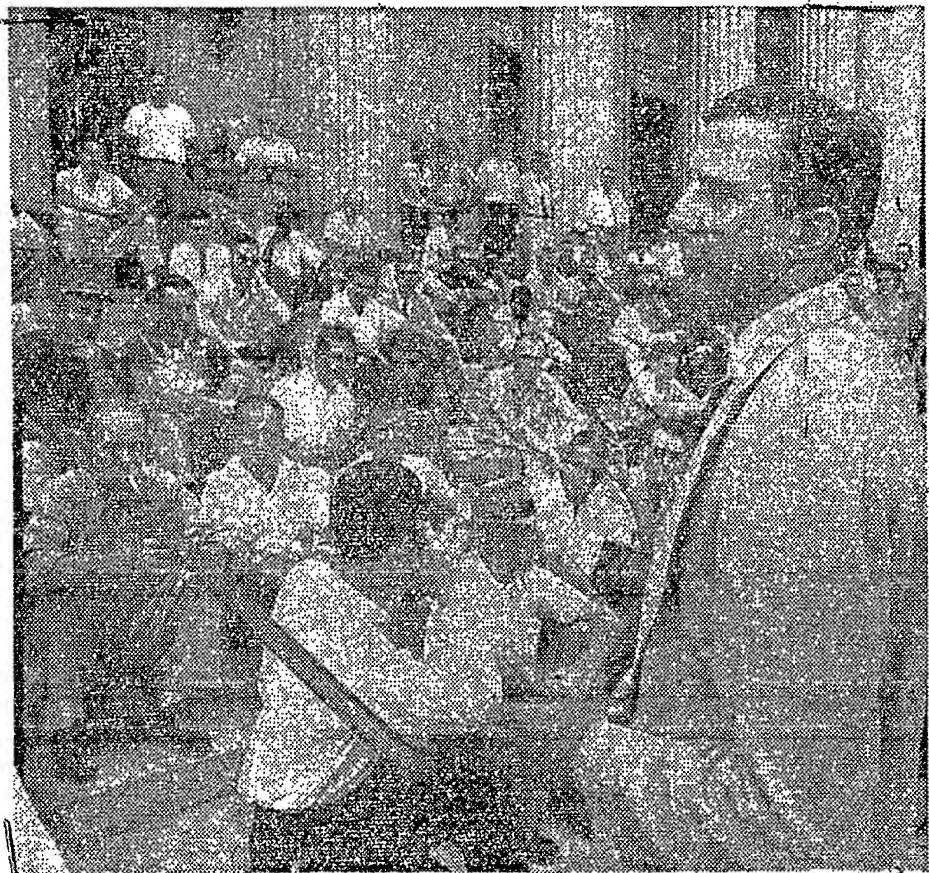
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Kasper Addresses Crowd On Courthouse Steps

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WHEN KASPER SPOKE

Hecklers In Winston Force Garage Meeting

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Says Meeting Successful
Before leaving here for Greensboro, however, Kasper said he felt that the meeting was "very successful."

"I'm very encouraged," he said.

Asked for a prediction about what would happen next, he said:

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much larger than this one was. . . . Something's got to be done here. We've got to make a stand."

What does he think will be done?

"Well, we organized a group to oppose the entrance of the Negro girl into high school here," Kasper answered.

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Asked about the response to that invitation, he said later, "I got about 30."

Kasper said no date has been set for the first meeting of the White Citizens Council organized today.

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Kasper Heckled Here-- But He Claims Success

By Roy Thompson

Staff Reporter

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He left here late in the afternoon to make a speech on the courthouse lawn in Greensboro.

He expects to make two speeches in Charlotte during the weekend. He said he may speak in Raleigh, but he considered that possibility doubtful. He said he would be back in Nashville, Tenn., Wednesday.

He expects to return to North Carolina during the third week in September and will be here for approximately two weeks during that stay.

The meeting on Courthouse Square began like this:

Mr. Kasper, a New Jersey resident, stood at the base of the monument to Forsyth County's Confederate dead.

He wore a blue suit, a blue tie and a striped shirt with

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John Kasper pauses in his address while hecklers take up a collection to send him home.

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Kasper Claims Success Despite Heckling

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There wasn't much room on the narrow lawn, and 13 uniformed policemen lined the sidewalk to keep the crowd from overflowing and blocking the pedestrian traffic.

A number of police detectives mingled in the crowd.

It was hot. Very hot. Before long, the crowd began to press in close around the speaker.

Those in the crowd listened quietly while W. L. Phillips, who described himself as an evangelist, opened the meeting with a prayer that called for God's blessing on "this man of boldness and courage."

Then Mr. Kasper started talking.

As did others.

His speech, because of the constant interruptions, was a disjointed collection of sentences and half-sentences. Among them:

"The Jews are behind this whole movement to mix the races."

"You're not equal, and you never will be equal." (That was addressed to the Negroes present).

"You can't look to your newspapers to tell you what it's all about."

And as he talked, there were the interruptions.

He said that Negroes are responsible for about 60 per cent of the nation's crime.

Someone asked, "Was John Dillinger a Negro?"

He said there is a high incidence of venereal disease among Negroes, and someone asked, "When's the last time YOU had a blood test?"

Mr. Kasper sweated in the sweltering heat, and the crowd pressed in closer and closer.

Occasionally, when someone in the crowd drew a laugh with a shouted remark, he smiled a very small smile.

But he eventually began to lose patience, and he said, "If you'll just keep quiet, we'll get through with this a lot faster . . . I've never talked to any group that didn't have manners.



CONFUSION—One of John Kasper's hecklers takes over the microphone to say a few words of his own to the crowd.



LAW AND ORDER—Chief of Police J. I. Waller and Officer Ray Denny wait the sidelines for possible trouble.

He spoke of freedom of speech in the United States, and two or three of his Negro listeners joined him in a plea for silence.

Velma Hopkins, reporter for the Carolina Times, pleaded:

"Let him talk. This is what he's trying to do—disturb you."

Someone shouted, "He's ignorant. Let him show how ignorant he is."

And a Negro man grabbed the microphone out of the speaker's hands and said, "I want you to step back and hear what this dog has got to say."

It worked.

For a few seconds.

But then their interruptions began again.

There was a chant of "Go home, Kasper. Go home, Kasper. Go home, Kasper."

hat and shouting, "Who's got another dollar to send him back?"

(Mr. Kasper said on arriving here that funds for his trip were raised by white people in Nashville, Tenn.)

A Negro man walked up and said, "I want to shake your hand. You're making a fine speech."

There were, of course, people present who came to listen to a speech rather than to interrupt one.

Occasionally, one of them would shout a demand for the officers on the sidelines to restore order.

Detectives in the crowd broke up a few arguments that got started between spectators, and they tried to convince some of the louder hecklers that they should let the segregationist speak.

At 12:47 p.m., he had been trying to talk for about 45 minutes. In that period, he may have had the floor half of the time.

He quit then.

Quit and said, "Now the Negroes are ready to talk to you all."

He invited interested white people to come with him, and he moved from the northwest corner of the square to the southwest corner.

Some of his hecklers followed him there. So did the policemen assigned to the Kasper speech detail. A few minutes after moving this meeting a block, Mr. Kasper announced that he was moving it to the southern section of the city.

About 1:30 p.m., behind some 30 white followers — several of them children with adults — gathered on the shady north side of Hill Brothers Garage, 3504 Hammond Street.

Gene Hill, one of the proprietors, said, "I don't know anything about it. I'm trying to close up and go to the beach."

Three police cars parked in the block, but the group at the garage was apparently united in its beliefs, and there was no further heckling or possible trouble.

Mr. Kasper made a few general remarks and then announced, "That's all I have to say publicly."

The press was asked to leave, and its representatives did.

That meeting was over about 3:30 p.m., and Mr. Kasper held a press conference in front of the garage.

Of Negroes, he said:

"Only 200 years ago they were eating their grandmothers over there, wearing bones through their noses and jumping over campfires."

Of white people who have not fought integration in schools here, he said:

"They're just white niggers who tell the niggers to go to the poor white man's schools. They send their own kids to private schools."

Of the Ku Klux Klan:

"I work with the Klan. I believe in the Klan."

Of Governor Luther Hodges, who has publicly opposed both integration and Mr. Kasper:

"He's trying to out-nigger (Governor) Frank Clement over in Tennessee."

Of the heckling he got on Courthouse Square:

"These are the kind of folks they want to put in school with white folks . . . They acted in a typically primitive and uncivilized manner."

Of his followers:

"I don't appeal much to the educated classes. My folks are out in the furrows. The working folks. The farmers. They come from down in the ridges and hollows."

But he saved his big guns for the school board, which he accused of performing "a criminal act" in allowing a Negro student to enter Reynolds High School.

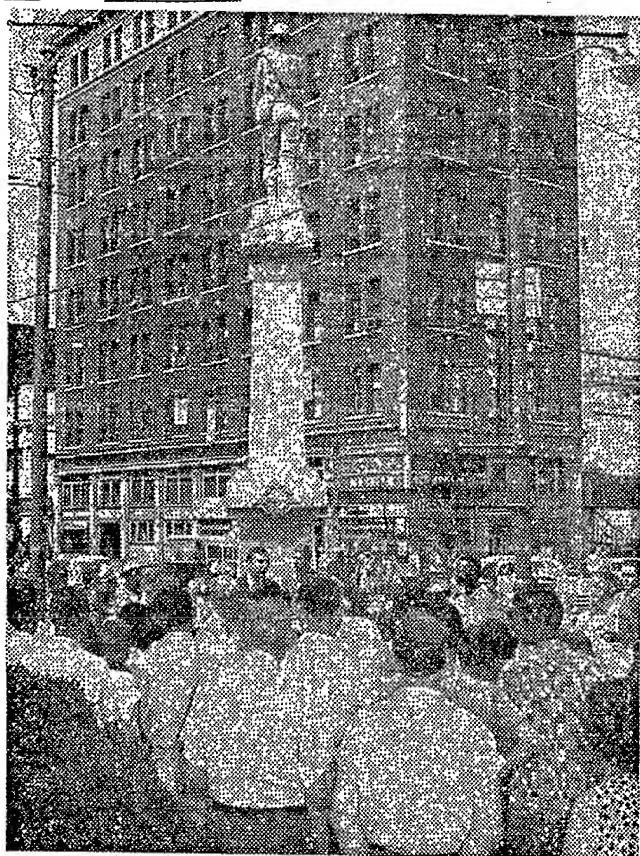
"There are plenty of things the school board could do if they had any guts," he said.

He asked, "Have they been brain-washed or succumbed to Communist pressure? This is the most corrupt thing I ever heard of."

He recommended that the newly-formed White Citizens Council should "learn about the nature, purpose and background of these school board members."

The garage press conference lasted about a half-hour.

Then Mr. Kasper stepped into his old convertible with the wired-down trunk lid and drove away.



THE MEETING — John Kasper holds his first meeting here at the foot of the Confederate monument on Court-house Square.



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ONE OF THE SPEAKERS — Segregationist Kasper, baking in the hot, noonday sun, speaks to his audience—and vice versa. From the sidelines, a steady patter of heckling interrupts the speech.

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Frederick John Kasper: A Career With a Twist

Who is Frederick John Kasper?

Born in Camden, N. J., in 1929, John Kasper was the son of a fairly successful combustion engineer.

During his mid teen's he was sent to the Riverside Military Academy in Georgia for two years, then, briefly to Temple University in Philadelphia and Yankton College in South Dakota.

His college teachers were impressed with Kasper's intellectual gifts but described him as a "trouble-maker with pronounced left-wing political sympathies," according to a December, 1956, article in "Commentary" magazine.

After two years, Kasper transferred to Columbia University's School of General Studies. His draft board had classified him 4-F.

He majored in philosophy, with a minor in English literature, and was graduated in 1951. During his college career Kasper is said to have described himself as "an intellectual fascist."

In 1952 Kasper became associated with a book shop in the Greenwich Village section of

New York City. He named it the "Make-It-New" bookshop allegedly after the title of a book written by poet Ezra Pound.

Between 1952 and 1956, very little was publicly known of the man who was to stir up such a tempest of racial trouble in the little Tennessee town of Clinton, and attempt to do so elsewhere. Kasper was a virtual nobody.

Since the Clinton trouble considerable fact-finding has been done on the soft-talking New Jerseyite. Here is what some of the researches have turned up:

According to a copyrighted story by Robert S. Bird in the Feb. 4, 1957, edition of the New York Herald Tribune, John Kasper was cutting capers at interracial dances in Greenwich Village during the summer of 1955.

The Herald Tribune story reported that Kasper's village bookshop was the scene for many a "shango" dance affair attended by both Negroes and whites.

One night in September, 1955, during an inter-racial party at a home in Brooklyn, Kasper was reported to have done "the unforgivable from a segregationist's point of view." He urged some 30 of the white and Negro youths present to join the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

The Herald Tribune story said:

"This is the same Kasper who discussed, in a segregationist diatribe at Louisville on Dec. 14, 1956, the question whether or not Negroes have souls. He told his audience:

"They might have a soul, they might have a right to pray," and then added, "I know some men who claim that they have seen niggers with tails."

Kasper was known to have been a friend of indicted Italian Fascist propagandist Ezra Pound, and the Bird story said Kasper has often visited the poet in a Washington insane asylum, and corresponds with him regularly.

Writer David Halberstam, in a story in Reporter magazine, told how Kasper once told several of his Negro friends in Greenwich Village how he would, "If I were a Negro, lead a march on Washington to get something done for my people."

Later, during the Clinton violence, writer Halberstam reported Kasper as saying of himself, "I'm a rabble rouser. The people of Clinton needed a leader, so I went there to help them."

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FREDERICK JOHN KASPER
SM-X

(CE: 105-558)

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FORM 6-95 *2 9-7-57*

Campaign Of Terror Is Urged

A campaign of terror against Negro students attending previously all-white public schools here and a program of harassment against members of the Greensboro school board which admitted them was outlined last night by segregationist John Kasper at an organizational meeting of a local White Citizen's Council.

Meeting in the backyard of the John W. Kellam residence, 301 Willard Street, 25 to 30 white men and several boys who identified themselves as students at Greensboro Senior High School, heard Kasper outline his methods.

Outline Methods

The New Jersey-born agitator told the boys to spill ink on the books of Negro students, elbow them in the school corridors, write slogans such as "Nigger Go Home" on the walls, and put various other pressures on them. "I'm not going to discourage anybody from doing what he thinks is right," Kasper replied when one of the youths asked if white students should pick fights with Negroes attending their school.

"It was the white boys run the Negroes out in Clinton," he said, and you can do the same thing here.

Kasper referred to his statement at a meeting earlier in the evening on the steps of the County Courthouse in which he said white North Carolina citizens should act so as to cause "nervous breakdowns, heart attacks and suicide" among members of the city school board.

Plan Offered
"If you work on the night shift, just pick up the telephone and send a Negro cab to their house. Order a bunch of merchandise from some Jew department store . . ."

" . . . Send them flowers from one member to another. Call up the undertaker and send him out there. Call the police and say 'They're going to murder him (some board member) but I just couldn't go through with it. You'd better send some cops out there right away.'"

Although the men at the organizational meeting were reluctant to step forward and accept an office in the group — offering a variety of excuses — C. A. Webster, a carpenter of 631 Arlington St., finally accepted the temporary chairmanship.

Kasper told the group he would

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Kasper Asks For Terror Campaign

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communicate with Webster at his residence until a post office box could be rented.

Buttons Suggested

Mrs. Kellam, in whose yard the meeting took place, was named temporary secretary treasurer of the council.

Kasper told the group that buttons with the legend "Keep Our White Schools White" could be obtained from a Nashville, Tenn., firm at a cost of about \$300 for 5,000.

"We found those buttons were one of the most effective things we had in Clinton," he said.

Kasper said one trouble his organization was having in its fight to preserve segregation in Nashville schools was that integration was being started in the first grade. First graders, he said, could not be organized very effectively.

But he urged those attending the meeting last night to form a telephone committee to spread the word on segregation. "We have got to educate our citizens," he said. "That's one of the most important things we have to do."

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School Board's Action Draws Kasper's Fire

Traveling Segregationist Terms Integration Ruling 'Conspiracy'

BY JULIAN MORRISON

Greensboro Daily News Staff Writer

John Kasper, the traveling segregationist, made his pitch in Greensboro last night before some 300 men and women gathered in front of the steps of the Guilford County Courthouse to hear him.

The crowd heard him out in silence, for the most part, with only a few on each side of the school integration issue exchanging remarks or jeers with each other.

Kasper, who came to North Carolina yesterday from

Nashville, Tenn., where he has been active in opposing integration of city schools there, referred several times to the "drunken" action of Greensboro's school board in opening three schools to Negro students last month.

Attacks School Board

Kasper told his audience that if the school board "has got so low as to betray both the white and colored man then it's up to you to find out what they are getting for it."

"It wasn't any accident that the school boards in Winston-Salem and Greensboro and Charlotte announced on the same night and the same minute they were going to let the Negroes into the schools," he said.

"Maybe they got together and had a drunken party. I don't know. But it certainly was a conspiracy."

Blasts Governor

At one point in his speech, when an ambulance passed down Market Street with its siren wailing, Kasper told the crowd,

He blasted Hodges as being a white man who has not stood up and fought for segregation. "By saying he's afraid of violence and trouble," Kasper said, "he's just turning the kids over to the Negroes and the Jews."

The New Jersey segregationist, who has been attacked by White Citizen's Councils in several Deep South states for his alleged inter-racial actions in the past, stalled off questions by his audience during the talk, insisting that he would welcome them after he finished.

Police Present

A number of city police officers in plain clothes and several sheriff's deputies mingled with the crowd during Kasper's appearance.

During the course of his speech, which he made standing on the granite front steps of the courthouse, Kasper rocked back and forth and frequently gestured with both arms to the crowd.

He was neatly dressed in a dark blue suit, blue tie and light pink shirt.

When he finished, eight men—one of whom said he was from Atlanta, Ga., and had just stopped to listen—came forward and shook his hand.

Admitting that many in the crowd had probably come "just to see the monkey in the cage," Kasper asked "all white people here who are willing to stand up to this thing" to meet with him afterward and form what he called "a North Carolina White Citizen's Council."

"I am sorry that I can't stay here and be with you in your fight," he said in explaining he planned to return to Nashville early next week.

"But," he went on, "this local

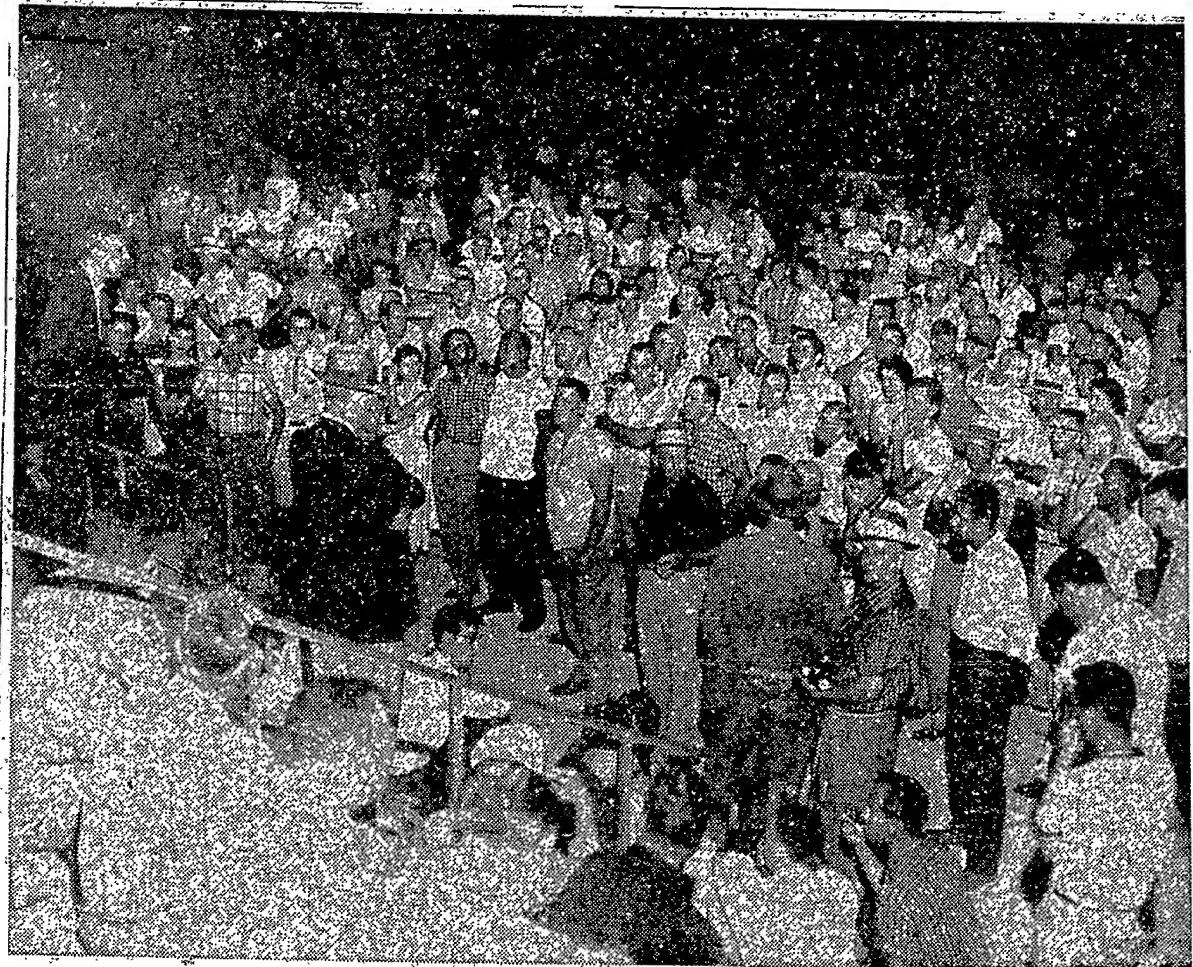
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JOHN KASPER, FAR LEFT, ADDRESSES CROWD FROM STEPS OF COURTHOUSE



(DAILY NEWS STAFF PHOTO.)

KASPER PASSES OUT HANDBILLS

School Board Action Is Rapped By Kasper

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situation is something that's got to be looked into."

Kasper attacked what he called the "newspaper press in the whole South—the television and radio—that has been won over" by the radicals.

He said the Methodist, Presbyterian and Southern Baptist Church leadership was "masquerading behind the cross of Jesus Christ while they are preaching the doctrine of Karl Marx."

"All these Satanic and anti-Christ forces are telling us that we can't do anything about this integration."

"I'm telling you that the white

going to give them (this radical element) any more!"

The most prolonged applause Kasper received was when he said Gov Hodges "is for the Negroes" — an accusation he also leveled at the three school boards.

He urged white parents to boycott the schools should Negro pupils be admitted to them next week. "That's the least thing a white man can do," he said.

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Small Crowds Hear Kasper Make Talks

GREENSBORO, N.C., Aug. 31 (AP)—John Kasper, the traveling segregationist, made his pitch in Greensboro tonight before what police said were about 300 men and women gathered in front of the steps of the Guilford County Courthouse.

The crowd heard him out in silence, for the most part, with only a few on each side of the school integration issue exchanging remarks or jeers with each other. Kasper, who came to North Carolina yesterday from Nashville, Tenn., where he has been active in opposing integration of city schools, referred several times to what he termed the "drunken" action of Greensboro's School board in opening three schools to Negro students last month.

He added, "It wasn't any accident that the school boards in Winston-Salem and Greensboro and Charlotte announced on the same night and the same minute they were going to let the Negroes into the schools."

Avoids Questions

The New Jersey segregationist, who has been attacked by white Citizens Councils in several Deep South cities, avoided questions by his audience during racial actions in the past, still crowd during Kasper's appearing the talk.

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When he finished, eight men— one of whom said he was from Atlanta, Ga. and had just stopped to listen—came forward and shook his hand.

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C., Aug. 31 (AP)—Segregationist John Kasper was heckled out of a courthouse square when he tried to speak here today. But he moved his meeting to a garage in the south end of town and started organizing a White Citizens Council to oppose integration in city schools here.

Approximately 200 persons gathered on the courthouse lawn for his speech. Half of them were Negroes. Many of them helped in the heckling that eventually forced the meeting out of the square.

Before leaving here for Greensboro, however, Kasper said he felt that the meeting was "very successful."

"I'm very encouraged," he said. Asked for a prediction about what would happen next, he said: "I think the next meeting held locally by local people will be much larger than this one was. Something's got to be done here. We've got to make a stand." What does he think will be done?

"Well, we organized a group to oppose the entrance of the nigger girl into high school here," Kasper answered.

"I think there'll be some boy-cotting and some picketing."

"We want to see that the boys and girls don't go into that school (Reynolds High School, in which one Negro pupil has been enrolled for the coming school year) as long as that nigger's there. Let 'em try to run the schools without any white students in school."

He finished on the square by inviting anyone interested in "a strong, white man's organization" to give him his name, address and telephone number.

Asked about the response to that invitation, he said later, "I got about 30."

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Chief Littlejohn Orders Kasper Off Grass



This Is The Audience As It Appeared At Start Of Speech By John Kasper

Governor Hodges Speaks For State

Governor Hodges spoke for the vast majority of North Carolinians when he declared at his Thursday press conference that "I don't think we need John Kasper" in Tarheelia and that "the state and the people . . . will not tolerate any lawlessness or violence" in connection with the school segregation problem.

Governor Hodges did well to make this statement on the eve of schools' opening and in accord with the responsibility of his high office. He alone is in position to speak for all the people of the state.

It is significant that the chief executive's assertion came almost simultaneously with futile court efforts to prevent admission of the first Negro children to white schools in Charlotte and Greensboro and after it had been revealed that Greensboro school officials had been subjected to threats and vilification following their decision to admit six Negroes to the public school system.

While the Governor is scheduled to make a major address, which will be broadcast to the people of the state, on the school problem Tuesday night, quite a few schools will open Tuesday morning and there needed to be warning before then against violence and affirmation of the state's determination to put down any which might occur. Elaboration can and presumably will come in Tuesday evening's delivery.

Governor Hodges reiterated that he does not favor integration, and sentiment throughout North Carolina largely backs him up. But orderly processes and obedience of the law are other matters. We are indeed hopeful that North Carolina will live up to its good name, that long established understanding and good will will continue to prevail and that the public school system, which is our richest heritage and our greatest opportunity for the future, will suffer a minimum of disruption.

There is no place for demagoguery, incitement or violence in North Carolina. And Governor Hodges has properly underscored that as becomes the chief of the state's government and the official who must act if any flare-up does challenge the courts, the statutes and the state's constituted authority.

The next few days will be trying days. But North Carolina has come through trying days before, richer, greater and more durable for its experience. The various local school boards have acted in accord with their oath of office, the dictates of their conscience and the best legal advice, now bolstered by court approval, that they could obtain; responsibility to respect and uphold the law shifts to the state and the people who constitute it.

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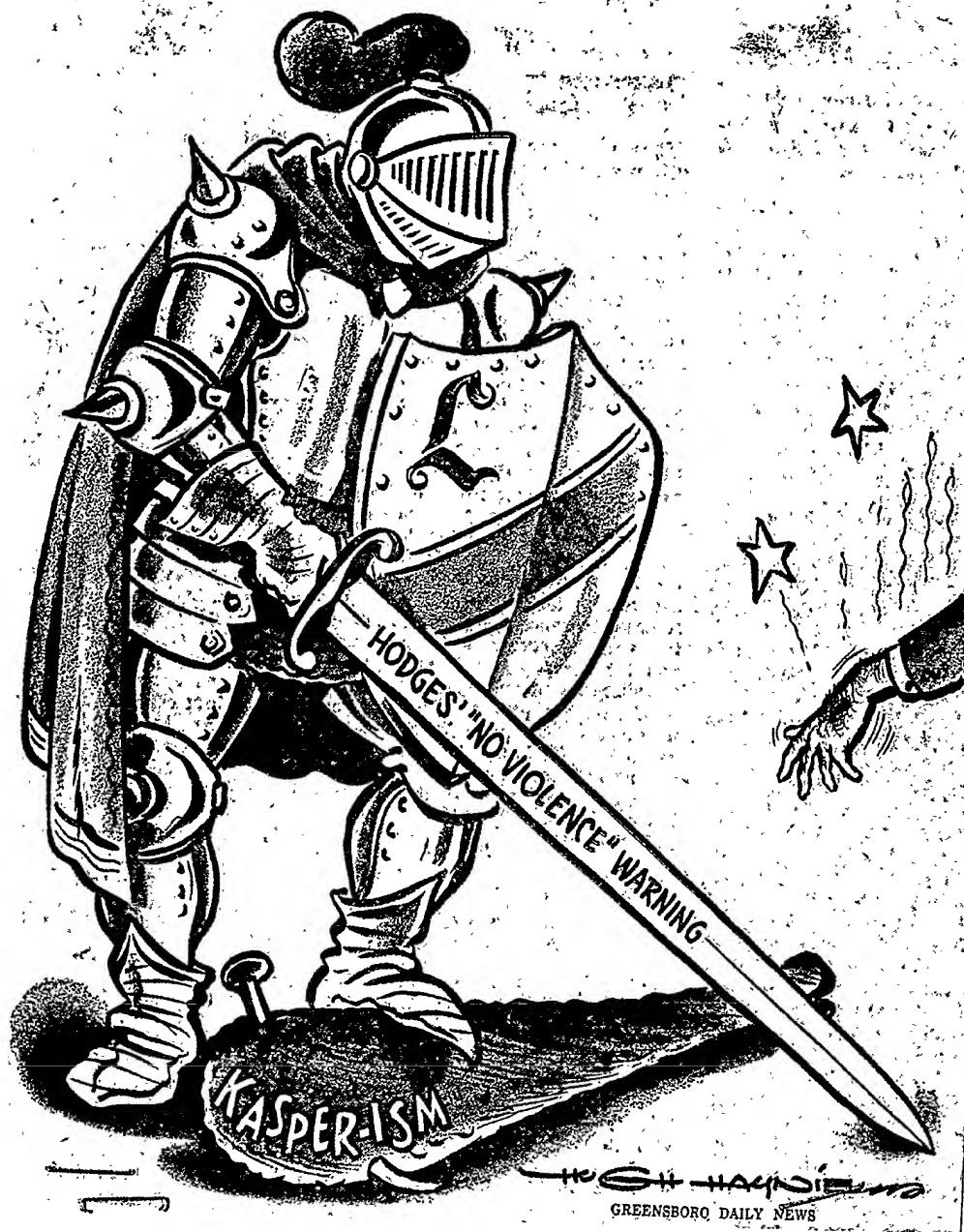
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Point Of Order



Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Boardman
 FROM : A. Rosen
 SUBJECT: INTEGRATION IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS,
 NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE
 CIVIL RIGHTS

DATE: September 18, 1957

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SAC Lopez called from Nashville. He wanted to give me a run-down on the local situation.

He said that everything appears to be normal; that 90% of the people are enrolled; there have been no demonstrations; Kasper's trial has been set for 60 days hence; he is still in jail; he has not as yet made bond and there are no indications that he will as of now; however, this could change any moment.

It is noted the local police have indicated that if he is released, he will be arrested by the local authorities again.

The U. S. Attorney has written to the Department concerning this situation.

The integration problem seems to be tentatively at a standstill. It is noted that 11 Negro students, all to be integrated in the first grade, are involved in the program of integration. Time for registration has passed and some of the local officials believe that the die is cast and that there will be no further difficulties. This is merely speculation. They attended classes yesterday and today. In some instances the children came alone and some were escorted by their parents. There were no demonstrations, no crowds, no trouble. As has been indicated, there are 4 schools involved relating to 11 Negro students, all in the first grade.

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RECOMMENDATION:

In view of the lack of activity in Nashville and no immediate pending difficulties, unless something flares up, there would appear to be no need to keep Lopez at Nashville. It is recommended that he be instructed to go back to Memphis. He will be instructed to advise the local Resident Agents that they must keep on their toes and in touch with the situation to the extent that we will be advised of any developments. If approved, Lopez will be instructed to return to Memphis immediately.

cc: Mr. Nichols

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cc: Mr. Mohr

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Rosen

DATE: September 18, 1957

FROM : E. E. Hargan

Call 2:55 P.M.

SUBJECT: INTEGRATION IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE
CIVIL RIGHTS

SAC Lopez called from Nashville while you were in the Department and spoke to SA Keep. He said that Kasper had just made \$2500 cash bond. The bond was put up by Kasper's attorney, Montague Ross, and an unidentified man from Knoxville.

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Lopez said that the City of Nashville now planned to take no further action against Kasper although heretofore they had anticipated re-arresting him in the event he made bond. Kasper's attorney indicated that Kasper intended to leave town. Lopez had no additional details stating that the bond had just been made within the last few minutes.

The above information was immediately furnished to Mr. Belmont in Mr. Boardman's Office and on his instructions was also given to Mr. Rufus D. McLean in the Criminal Division. Mr. McLean said that he would consider what action should be taken and advise us subsequently.

In accordance with Mr. Belmont's instructions, SAC Lopez was instructed to immediately furnish the facts to the U. S. Attorney at Nashville and he said that such would be done at once. Lopez added that Kasper had just left the County Jail at 1:11 P.M. (3:11 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time). He also said that the person putting up the bond for Kasper was Mr. L.R. Foster of Cedar Heights Drive, Knoxville. Lopez said that he had just learned that Inspector Patterson of the Nashville Police Department had been at the jail at the time Kasper's attorney arrived and that the attorney was hesitant to leave the jail with Kasper while Patterson was about for fear of the latter's re-arresting Kasper. Kasper added, however, that about 10 or 15 minutes before the attorney arrived at the jail, Inspector Patterson had received a telephone call from the Chief of Police who changed the orders concerning the re-arrest of Kasper and instructed Patterson not to re-arrest Kasper in the event of the latter's release on bond.

cc Mr. Nichols

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SAC Lopez was instructed to keep the Bureau informed of any further developments in this matter.

A confirming memorandum to the Department is being prepared.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-423395)

DATE: September 20, 1957

FROM : SAC, WFO (100-33226)

SUBJECT: *b* WHITE CITIZENS COUNCILS OF D.C., aka.
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ReBulet September 13, 1957, instructing that every precaution be taken to insure that WFO is apprised in advance of any contemplated demonstrations by captioned organization.

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This office intends to have panel sources [redacted] and [redacted] who have been very cooperative in the past, contact the headquarters of subject organization at 3204 M Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., *VACB*.

Bureau will be kept informed of all information developed.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON
MR. BOARDMAN
MR. ROSEN
MR. NICHOLS

The Attorney General called this afternoon and asked whether I had heard about the cross burning in Washington last night. I stated we had learned of this very promptly from the police and that efforts are being made both by our Agents and the local police to run this matter down. I also indicated that we have had our sources alerted for some time regarding the possibility of such occurrences and have specifically cautioned them with regard to the possibility of such an incident occurring at the homes of any of the Supreme Court Justices following the convening of the Court.

o The Attorney General then mentioned that perhaps John Kasper was active in this area and stated he felt it was highly desirable to do everything possible to get Kasper behind bars. I stated we understood this and most certainly agreed with him; that Kasper's recent confinement at Nashville, in my opinion, had done much to quiet down the situation in that area.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 9/23/57

FROM : SAC, RICHMOND (105-632)

SUBJECT: WHITE CITIZENS COUNCIL OF THE
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, ALSO KNOWN AS
SEABOARD WHITE CITIZENS' COUNCILS
IS - X

ReBulet to WFO dated 9/13/57.

The Richmond Division does not have any established sources or informants in the ~~Norfolk, Va.~~ area who are in a position to furnish information concerning the captioned organization.

It is to be noted, however, that the Washington Field Office was formerly in contact with [redacted] [redacted] with regard to this matter. [redacted] was previously in close contact with JOHN CASPER and the Seaboard White Citizens' Councils.

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It is believed that recontact with [redacted] by the Washington Field Office would probably provide coverage of the captioned organization in Alexandria, Arlington and Fairfax Counties, Va.

Officials of the Fairfax County, Arlington County and Alexandria City Police Departments have proven very cooperative in assisting this office in connection with all types of matters, and it is felt that these departments will immediately contact the F.B.I. if any information concerning contemplated racial demonstrations are brought to their attention.

The Bureau will be advised at a later date concerning inquiries being conducted at Charlottesville, Va. P.

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DATE 8/31/03 BY *John MacIntire*

Date: October 3, 1957

To: Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence
Department of the Army
The Pentagon
Washington 25, D. C.

Attention: Chief, Security Division

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

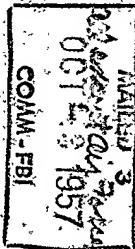
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OF DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, also known as
Seaboard White Citizens' Councils
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There is being furnished you herewith for
your information a Photostat of a memorandum dated
September 20, 1957, prepared by the New York Office
of this Bureau concerning the captioned matter.

Enclosure

1 - Director of Naval Intelligence (Enclosure)

1 - Office of Special Investigations (Enclosure)
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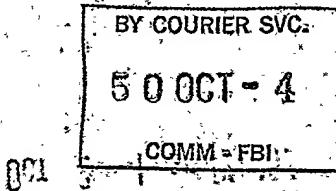
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-423395)

DATE: 9/20/57

E. J. Don
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (105-19792)SUBJECT: *RE* WHITE CITIZENS' COUNCILS
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United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation

New York, New York
September 20, 1957

Re: White Citizens' Councils
of District of Columbia,
also known as: Seaboard
White Citizens' Councils

The New York "Herald Tribune", a daily newspaper in its issue of July 16, 1957, on page 8, carried an article wherein it was stated that attempts are being made by individuals in Nassau County to form white citizens' councils. According to the article the segregationist "cell", consisting of about 100 persons including some Negroes, is led by 25 year old Merchant Marine Seaman [redacted] [redacted] who is described as an ardent admirer of segregationist John Kasper.

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This article related that [redacted] had introduced during the course of an interview one [redacted] 22, of [redacted] as the "theorist" of the group. [redacted] was described as a [redacted] graduate of Queens College, now taking a post-graduate economics course. This article attributed statements to [redacted] that he, [redacted] had not met Kasper; that "Negroes should not be permitted to vote, at least under the present electoral college system", and that "Democracy is an outmoded concept and inapplicable to the current racial problems.

On July 22, 1955, [redacted]

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[redacted] New York City, advised that he recently conversed with a [redacted]

[redacted] New York.

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advised that [redacted] attended Jamaica High School, 1947 - 1951, Queens College, 1951 - 1954, and is in the Air Force Reserve, Airman Second Class, never having served on active military duty.

This source advised that [redacted] seemed "mixed up". He explained that [redacted] is very anti-Semitic, and had a "Nazi-like" attitude.

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Queens College, Queens, New York, advised on February 6, 1953, that she had recently expelled [redacted]

[redacted] New York, as a student at said college for what she called anti-Semitic and pro-German activities.

[redacted] stated that [redacted] activities first came to the attention of the college officials in the fall of 1952, when complaints were received that [redacted] was making anti-Semitic remarks to some of the students at Queens College, and also a complaint that [redacted] had cut a swastika on the briefcase of a Jewish student.

Doctor George Spitz, Assistant Dean, Queens College, Queens, New York, made available on February 10, 1953, information which related as follows:

In May, 1951, [redacted] was interviewed three times during which he stated 'There are no clubs conservative enough for me.' He added that his political orientation was Dixiecrat. He indicated that he was

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not interested in discussing his position in a school where Negro and White students attended together. Doctor Spitz advised that [redacted] entered Queens College in February, 1951, at the age of 15½ years. from Jamaica High School. [redacted] was born on [redacted]

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THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Boardman
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1 - Mr. Williams

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WHITE CITIZENS COUNCILS
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Information has been received from a source, whose reliability is unknown, that members of the White Citizens Councils of District of Columbia plan to picket at the White House on September 28, 1957. The number of pickets and the time and purpose of the demonstration are unknown at this time. [U]

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As you are aware, the executive secretary of the White Citizens Councils of District of Columbia is Frederick John Kasper, who was recently arrested in Nashville, Tennessee, in connection with racial disorder in that city and who is out on bail. Kasper was arrested for loitering, vagrancy, two charges of disorderly conduct and inciting to riot. He was fined \$50 each on charges of loitering, vagrancy and disorderly conduct. The trial date on his appeal from these convictions is set for October 11, 1957. November 18, 1957, is the date set for the trial on the charge of inciting to riot.

Information concerning the proposed demonstration is being furnished the Honorable Robert Cutler, Special Assistant to the President; Secret Service; intelligence agencies of the Armed Forces; and the Metropolitan Police Department, Washington, D. C. [U]

Any additional pertinent information received relative to this matter will be furnished the Department promptly.

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1 - Mr. William P. Rogers
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To: Mr. U. E. Daughman
Chief
United States Secret Service BY COURIER SERVICE
Treasury Department
Washington, D. C.
From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Subject: WHITE CITIZENS COUNCILS
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Additional pertinent information received relative to this matter will be furnished you promptly.

1 - Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence
Department of the Army

Attention: Chief, Security Division

1 - Director of Naval Intelligence

1 - Office of Special Investigations
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In view of the background of John Kasper and his connection with captioned organization and inasmuch as information has been received indicating the White Citizens Councils of District of Columbia (WCCDC) contemplates picketing the White House on September 28, 1957, you are instructed to reinstitute discreet inquiries concerning captioned organizations, which should be confined to the Washington, D. C., area.

As previously instructed, all informants and sources in position to furnish information concerning this matter should be alerted. Through these sources and independent investigation you should determine the leaders and members, if possible, aims and purposes, which would include plans for demonstrations.

Results of your inquiries should be submitted in report form suitable for dissemination. Of course, information developed, which requires immediate handling should be submitted by expeditious means.

Although no information has been received indicating WCCDC was involved in the cross burning at the home of Eugene Davidson on September 25, 1957, you should continue your efforts to ascertain the identity of individuals responsible.

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Office Memorandum, UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT *for*

DATE: September 25, 1957

FROM : MR. J. A. SIZOO *Qm*

cc Mr. Belmont

SUBJECT: ~~CROSS BURNING AT HOME OF~~
~~EUGENE DAVIDSON, 9-25-57~~

Mr. Rosen

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White Citizens Council of D.C.

I called SAC Gearty concerning the attached this morning and asked if he had received information concerning the cross burning and if any information was available as to who was responsible. He said he had just received a call from Mr. Rosen concerning it and that he had been in contact with the Washington Police for any information which they might have. He was advised, however, that Davidson did not call the police after the cross was observed, but immediately called the local newspapers and that the police learned about it through inquiry by the press. Gearty said he would maintain contact with the police and also check with logical informants for any pertinent information and that the Bureau would be advised.

This is for information.

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POLICE REPORTED TODAY THAT A CROSS WAS BURNED EARLY THIS MORNING IN FRONT OF THE HOME OF EUGENE DAVIDSON, HEAD OF THE WASHINGTON, D.C., CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE. THEY SAID THE CROSS-BURNING TOOK PLACE AT ABOUT 1 A.M.

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WHITE CITIZENS COUNCILS
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Reference is made to my memorandum dated September 26, 1957, in which you were advised information has been received from an informant, whose reliability is unknown, that members of the captioned organization plan to picket at the White House on September 28, 1957. *(X)*

With regard to this demonstration, the same informant advised that Floyd Fleming, an official of the White Citizens Councils of District of Columbia, stated on September 25, 1957, the demonstration at the White House on September 28, 1957, will depend to a great extent on friends of Fleming in Virginia. Fleming did not amplify these remarks. *(X)*

In addition, the informant learned from Fleming that the White Citizens Councils of District of Columbia had been deprived of its headquarters at 3204 N Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., and as a result a problem had arisen as to what to do with the printing press. The informant was of the opinion this press would possibly be moved to the home of a man named Carter (phonetic), who is an associate of Jack Rathbone, leader of the Defenders of State Sovereignty and Individual Liberties in Arlington, Virginia, or the press possibly could be moved to the home of Pat Weston (phonetic), who does secretarial work for Rathbone. *(X)*

The Defenders of State Sovereignty and Individual Liberties is a state-wide prosegregation organization in Virginia.

Fleming also told the informant the big thing to do now is provoke Negroes to action. He did not furnish additional information in clarification of this statement.

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The Attorney General

The above information is being furnished Secret Service and intelligence agencies of the Armed Forces. Any additional pertinent data received relative to this matter will be made available to the Department promptly.

1 - Mr. William P. Rogers
Deputy Attorney General

NOTE ON YELLOW:

This information is not being furnished the White House inasmuch as it does not materially add to the information previously furnished on 9/26/57 concerning the contemplated demonstration at the White House on 9/28/57. Secret Service and intelligence agencies of the Armed Forces being advised by separate memorandum on this date.

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September 26, 1957

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-423395)
FROM: SAC, WFO (100-33226)

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On 9/26/57 [redacted] (Protect Identity
by request) advised SA RICHARD B. LAVIN that an informant
of [redacted] had been in conversation with [redacted]
of White Citizens Councils of D. C. (WCC) on
9/25/57. The reliability of this informant is unknown at
the present time. *X*

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According to [redacted] stated that a
demonstration at the White House on Saturday, September 28,
1957, will depend in large part on friends of [redacted] in
Virginia. [redacted] advised the informant that the WCC had
been deprived of its headquarters at 3204 M Street, N. W.,
Washington, D. C., and that they had a problem with the
printing press. *X*

First Name, Surname

[redacted] informant believed that the Printing Press would
possibly be moved to the home of a man named (FNU) *X* CARTER
(PH) who is an associate of JACK RATHBONE, the leader of
the Defenders of State Sovereignty and Individual Liberties
in Arlington, Va. [redacted] informant also believed that the
printing press could possibly be moved to the home of PAT
PEYTON (PH) who does secretarial work for RATHBONE. *X*

[redacted] informant questioned [redacted] concerning the present
location of JOHN KASPER and [redacted] stated he did not know.
Informant mentioned to FLEMING that a week ago [redacted] had
mentioned KASPER was in Delaware with BRYANT BOWLES. [redacted]
advised that [redacted] had mentioned a week ago that KASPER
was in Delaware but did not mention BRYANT BOWLES.
[redacted] stated informant was "taking a shot in the dark".
[redacted] told informant to keep quiet because he thought his phone
was "tapped." *X*

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cc - Mr. [redacted] 5-07
cc - Williams CENTRAL RESEARCH

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[redacted] that the big thing to
do now is to provoke negroes to action. ~~xx~~

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In view of this current situation plus the fact that no overt investigation has been conducted by this office in quite some time, pursuant to Bureau instructions, WFO is instituting discreet general intelligence surveillances on known leaders of WCC in Washington, D. C. area.

Baltimore is requested to alert appropriate sources to ascertain present location of JOHN KASPER. If located Bureau should be promptly advised.

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*WASHINGTON FIELD HAS
BEEN GIVEN ADDITIONAL
INSTRUCTIONS AS TO
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. L. V. BOARDMAN

DATE: September 26, 1957

FROM : MR. A. H. BELMONT

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED

SUBJECT: WHITE CITIZENS COUNCILS OF
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA (WCCDC)
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From December 1954 to December 1956 Bureau made discreet inquiries concerning all citizens councils about which we received information for purpose of ascertaining potential for violence and whether activities placed these organizations within purview of Executive Order 10450. Inquiries discontinued inasmuch as Department had indicated their activities did not bring them within the Executive Order. Since that time no inquiries have been made concerning any citizens councils; however, in evaluating this matter it is felt we should make an exception in the WCCDC because of the following factors:

- (1) Locale
- (2) John Kasper, who has instigated racial disorder in several communities, is executive secretary of this organization
- (3) Cross burning which occurred 9/25/57, although no information received indicating WCCDC was involved
- (4) Contemplated picketing of the White House by WCCDC, 9/28/57

On 9/13/57 Washington Field (WF0) was instructed to be alert for demonstrations by WCCDC, particularly with regard to forthcoming convening of the Supreme Court. WF0 has alerted sources in this regard but is conducting no open investigation of WCCDC at the present time.

In connection with the cross burning which occurred at the home of Eugene Davidson, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People official, on 9/25/57, the Metropolitan Police Department, Washington, D. C., conducted investigation. Davidson could furnish no information, the police have no suspects, developed no witnesses, and are conducting no further investigation. WF0 sources have been alerted for information regarding this cross burning or similar occurrences in the future.

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1 - Mr. Boardman
 1 - Mr. Belmont
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Memorandum for Mr. Boardman
Re: WCCDC
100-423395

OBSERVATION

In view of the above it is believed desirable that WFO be instructed to reinstitute inquiries of WCCDC, not openly but on a discreet basis. Incident to these inquiries WFO is being instructed to continue efforts to determine individuals responsible for cross burning 9/25/57.

RECOMMENDATION:

If you approve, there is attached a communication to WFO so instructing.

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Mr. AD is imperative
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THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

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Director, FBI

WHITE CITIZENS COUNCILS
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Reference is made to my memoranda dated September 26, 27 and 30, 1957, in which you were furnished information concerning activities of the captioned organization.

A confidential informant, whose reliability is unknown, advised that on the afternoon of September 29, 1957, a meeting was held at the home of [redacted] Maryland, which was attended by 15 individuals including John Kasper.

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At this meeting one [redacted] who, according to the informant, is 21 years old and who was recently discharged from the United States Navy, admitted that he and one [redacted] (phonetic), who recently spent seven months in jail for bombing a high school principal's front yard in Washington, D. C., burned a cross on the night of September 28, 1957, in front of the Bethesda-Chevy Chase School.

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[redacted] admitted he has a group of 10 men and, in addition to the cross they burned on the night of September 28, 1957, they had intended burning two other crosses, one at the home of Rose Kremer and one at the home of Helen Sharp, school board members in Montgomery County, Maryland, who favor integration. He stated the crosses were not burned at their homes inasmuch as they were having parties on that night.

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The Montgomery County, Maryland, Police Department, advised on the morning of September 30, 1957, that at approximately 1:20 a.m. on September 29, 1957, two officers saw a cross burning on the Bethesda-Chevy Chase School grounds. A nearby sign, on which the paint was still wet, contained the initials "KKK."

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According to the informant, [redacted] and two other men planned to burn a cross at the Walter Johnson High School at Bethesda, Maryland, on the evening of September 29, 1957. On the morning of September 30, 1957, the Montgomery County Police Department advised that insofar as it is aware no cross was burned on the night of September 29, 1957.

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The informant advised that [redacted] and their "gang" intend to attach a Confederate Flag on the White House fence on September 30, 1957. ~~✓~~

[redacted] boasted of having oil and dynamite caps in the trunk of his car. ~~✓~~

One [redacted] described by the informant as a young girl, volunteered to use her home telephone for all "harassing calls." ~~✓~~

With regard to the contemplated picketing at the White House, a group is to meet at 11:30 a.m. on October 1, 1957, at the Treasury Department Building and thereafter will picket at the White House. Men named Carter from Virginia and Berry from Easton, Maryland, are being asked to participate in the picketing. ~~✓~~

The foregoing information is being furnished the Honorable Robert Cutler, Special Assistant to the President; Secret Service; intelligence agencies of the Armed Forces; and the Metropolitan Police Department, Washington, D. C.

Any additional pertinent information received will be furnished to the Department promptly.

1 - Mr. William P. Rogers
Deputy Attorney General

1 - Assistant Attorney General
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON
MR. BOARDMAN
MR. ROSEN
MR. NICHOLS

John Kasper

I called the Attorney General this morning and brought to his attention the fact that it had been necessary for the Bureau to discontinue the surveillance of [redacted]. I stated that shortly after we had instituted the surveillance, an announcement was made by the Department of Justice that [redacted] was under active investigation by the FBI which naturally alerted [redacted] to the possibility of surveillance and made it impossible for us to maintain the surveillance. I told the Attorney General that I had also spoken to Deputy Attorney General Rogers this morning about this matter and had suggested to Mr. Rogers that it might be desirable to at least caution key people in the Department against making such statements to the press or other unauthorized persons; that I had further suggested the advisability of all inquiries regarding the Arkansas situation being cleared through one place, possibly the Deputy Attorney General's office.

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I then mentioned to the Attorney General the recent statement of Harry Ashmore, of the "Arkansas Gazette," to the effect that he, Ashmore, had been called upon by a high Justice Department official last Monday for a run-down and briefing on the Arkansas situation and the need for Federal troops; that yesterday Ashmore, in a television interview, stated the people of Arkansas resent keenly the bringing in of the troops by the President and he feels the troops should be removed as soon as possible.

I also advised the Attorney General of the inquiry we had received in Little Rock on Saturday from Judge Davies and of the fact that I had brought this matter to Deputy Attorney General Rogers' attention this morning. I stated that the Judge merely wanted reassurance that there was no basis for the statement to the Judge by Homer Bigart, of the "New York Times," that the Deputy Attorney General had referred him, Bigart, to the Judge as the proper person to whom to direct his inquiry concerning the question of release of the FBI report. I also told the Attorney General

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that the Judge had confidentially advised us that he would be returning to North Dakota and another judge from St. Louis would be replacing him.

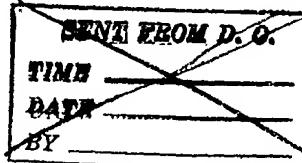
I then advised the Attorney General that John Kasper has now returned to Washington and was present at a meeting held Sunday in the home of [redacted] Maryland. I stated that at this meeting a man named [redacted] admitted that he and one [redacted] had recently spent seven months in a prison for bombing a high school principal's front yard in Washington, D. C.; that they had also burned a cross on the night of September 28, on the front lawn of the Bethesda-Chevy Chase School; that [redacted] also planned to burn a cross at the Walter Johnson High School in Bethesda; that [redacted] and a group of ten men, in addition to the cross burning Saturday, planned to burn two other crosses at the homes of Helen Sharp and Rose Kramer, Montgomery County school board members; and that today they also intended to attach a Confederate flag to the White House fence between the two guard posts. I told the Attorney General that we have alerted the proper authorities as to the cross burning. ~~(X)~~

I also told the Attorney General that tomorrow this group plans to meet on the steps of the Treasury Department and to proceed to the White House where they will picket; that they have requested assistance for this picket from gangs in Virginia and Eastern Maryland; and that they will carry on this activity during the meeting of the President with the Southern Governors. I advised the Attorney General that we have alerted the Secret Service and the local authorities concerning this matter. ~~(X)~~

I then told the Attorney General for his confidential information that we are keeping Kasper under surveillance and I also indicated that [redacted] has boasted of having oil and dynamite caps in the trunk of his car and another individual. [redacted] volunteered to use her telephone for harassing calls. ~~(X)~~ ~~10/1/57~~ ~~52~~

Very truly yours,

15/9 E.H.
John Edgar Hoover
Director



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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-423395)

DATE: 9/26/57

FROM : *J. R. C.*
SAC, RICHMOND (105-632)SUBJECT: *J. R. C.*
WHITE CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, also known as
Seaboard White Citizens' Councils
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Re Bulet September 13, 1957 and mylet September 23, 1957.

On September 20, 1957, Detective C. O. DURHAM, (NA), Charlottesville, Virginia Police Department was alerted to the possibility of demonstrations by members of the White Citizens' Councils of District of Columbia or similar groups in view of the forthcoming convening of the United States Supreme Court. DURHAM, who is very familiar with the activities of White Citizens' Councils, particularly in regard to their activities in the Charlottesville area during the past year, indicated that he and other officers of the department were alert to the possibilities of demonstrations by this organization and would report any information coming to his attention indicative of plans for any demonstrations or related incidents in this area, immediately to the FBI.

Detectives DURHAM, T. H. ADAMS and BILL MAYO of the Charlottesville Police Department are familiar with the circumstances under which this group attempted to organize in the Charlottesville area last year, are familiar with the persons who associated themselves with leaders of the organization when they came to Charlottesville and are also well aware of the persons who were enemies of this organization in the Charlottesville area, when they attempted to organize.

Bureau and Washington Field Office change word Norfolk in line 2, first paragraph of Richmond letter to Bureau September 23, 1957 to Northern and eliminate comma. RUC.

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9/26/57

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-423395)

FROM: SAC, WFO (100-33226)

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Re WFO airtel to Director 9/26/57.

In an attempt to ascertain the plans of subject organization and to determine if any demonstrations are planned for the re-convening of the Supreme Court on October 7, 1957, the following actions are being taken by this office UACB.

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[redacted] are being met Monday 9/30/57 by Agents of the WFO. On the basis of their identity and attitude, use will be made of them to ascertain information from [redacted] of WCC. [redacted]

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The Security Officer of the Anacostia Naval Air Station will be contacted for information re [redacted] and those close to him at [redacted].

[redacted] This security officer may be able to suggest sources close to FLEMING who may be developed for future use.

Discreet intelligence surveillances will be maintained on the leaders of the WCC, [redacted] to determine their activities.

It was pointed out in re airtel that [redacted] was depending on friends in Virginia to conduct picketing of the White House on 9/28. It is known that [redacted] and [redacted]

[redacted] are associates of [redacted]. It is believed both of these men are known to the Richmond Office. In view of this Richmond is requested to discreetly alert or develop sources close to [redacted] and [redacted] to determine if any demonstrations are planned, UACB. Richmond is also requested to institute discreet surveillances to determine activities of [redacted] and [redacted] UACB.

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WHITE CITIZENS COUNCILS
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Reference is made to my previous communications concerning captioned organization.

On the morning of October 1, 1957, Metropolitan Police Department, Washington, D. C., advised that someone had hung a Confederate Flag on the fence at the back of the White House. Attached to the flag was a note, the contents of which are as follows:

"Dear Mr. Eisenhower,

"Remember us.

"We are the people to whom forced integration means a Government of, by, and for minorities; devastation of our constitutional rights; a tangible reality rather than an academic sophistry; a very real threat to our domestic peace and security, our country, our race, and our personal safety. In short, integration means the end--in considerable now, in totality later--of everything we cherish.

"Ridiculous, you say?

"Shake off your political bonds for a moment and take a good, honest look from close up.

"Listen to the people for a change--the people who are directly affected by the integration steamroller, instead of to the voices of political expediency, of left-wing pressure groups, one world federalists, socialist panderers, dreamy intellectuals and uninformed well-doers. For not only does the future of us all hang in the balance, but also the continued existence of the greatest union of individual sovereign states and the greatest people on the face of the earth. The world cannot afford to lose either.

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"And be careful...for even the voices of Governors Collins, Hodges, Clement, and certainly McFadden, do not reflect the true feelings of the people upon whom you are forcing integration at the point of bayonets."

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With regard to the picket line at the White House, at approximately 11:20 a.m., today, John Kasper and five other individuals started walking from the residence of [redacted] Washington, D. C., toward the White House.

At approximately 11:35 a.m. Kasper and the group reached the White House where Kasper was observed talking to officers from the Metropolitan Police Department and the White House as well as to reporters. At 11:40 a.m. the picket line, consisting of six men and one woman, commenced parading in front of the White House with placards. Kasper announced that the picket line would continue until 3 p.m.

At approximately 1:45 p.m. counterpickets, consisting of two Negroes, began parading in front of the White House. One of the Negroes carried a sign on which was printed "If they can picket against democracy we can picket for democracy."

At 3 p.m. all picketing ceased. Kasper told reporters that they have no further plans for picketing.

Additional pertinent information received relative to this matter will be furnished the Department promptly.

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Deputy Attorney General

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-423395) 10/1/57
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of the White House and hanging of a Confederate Flag
on the White House gates. *RE*

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On 10/1/57 Captain MICHAEL MAHANEY, MPD,
advised the WFO that someone had hung a Confederate
Flag on the back of the White House. He advised that
the Secret Service now had possession of the flag.

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Sgt. JOSEPH CHENNAULT (NA), MPD, advised
SA RICHARD B. LAVIN on 10/1/57, that attached to the
Confederate Flag was a note. CHENNAULT advised that
this note is in the possession of the Secret Service
at the White House.

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The note attached to the flag is as follows:

"Dear Mr. EISENHOWER,

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"Remember us.

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"We are the people to whom forced integration
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A check was made with Mr. DANIEL J. O'DRISCOLL, Special Agent, Secret Service, by SA LAVIN at 9:00 a.m. this date. O'DRISCOLL advised that the flag was hung on the south gate of the White House near the Eclipse.

Concerning picketing at the White House, the following is to be noted.

The Washington "Evening Star" in its evening edition, September 29, 1957, carried an article entitled "Picketing Planned at White House." This article indicated that JOHN KASPER, Executive Secretary of the Seaboard White Citizens Councils, said 'a group of his supporters will picket the White House at noon tomorrow in protest to the Hungarian type police State rule in Arkansas by President EISENHOWER.'

[redacted] (cover by request), advised SA LAVIN on 10/1/57, that on [redacted]

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[redacted] and [redacted] (cover by request) met at [redacted] at [redacted] They were supposed to meet JOHN KASPER at that address. They waited from 9:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. with [redacted] for JOHN KASPER, but he did not show up. During the waiting period they prepared signs which had generally the following thoughts expressed on them. "Budapest like Little Rock." There was a sign which expressed an idea of FAUBUS for President, and there was also a sign attacking the National Association for Advancement of Colored People. The informants left at 10:30 p.m. and called back at [redacted] at 11:45 p.m. At that time they talked to FIC

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to FLOYD FLEMING, who stated that he was sorry they had not seen each other. FLEMING advised that KASPER was busy and could not be there that night. ~~(S)~~

[redacted] called SA LAVIN on 10/1/57, and advised that FLEMING had called his informants this morning and advised them they were going to assemble at [redacted] shortly after 10:00 this morning. Informants did not know whether they would then proceed to the Treasury Department and thence to the White House to picket or whether they would proceed directly to the White House. ~~(S)~~

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Surveillance on KASPER continuing, but at the White House it will be at a distance.

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WHITE CITIZENS COUNCILS OF
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Information has been received from a confidential source of unknown reliability that John Kasper held meetings with his supporters in Washington, D. C., on September 28, 1957. The source said Kasper decided to picket the White House Tuesday and Wednesday, October 1 and 2, 1957. The objective of the picketing, to coincide with the President's conference with five Southern Governors, is to "protect" Governor Griffin of Georgia. Kasper reportedly does not expect a crowd on the first day but does on the second day of the picketing.

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The foregoing information has been furnished to the Honorable Robert Cutler, Special Assistant to the President; the Secret Service; Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence, Department of the Army; Office of Naval Intelligence; and Office of Special Investigations, Department of the Air Force.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-423395)
FROM: SAC, WFO (100-33226)

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KASPER was in WDC, and under surveillance.

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(protect by request) made available to SA RICHARD B. LAVIN
on 9/28/57, two written reports of his informants con-
cerning two meetings of subject organization held in WDC.
9/28/57. [redacted] identified [redacted]

(cover by request). [redacted]

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supplied information that was given to him orally by his
informants. [redacted]

KASPER. [redacted] reports reflect JOHN
of [redacted] and [redacted]
a student at [redacted]
as well as [redacted] and [redacted]
met from 10:45 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.
at home of [redacted]

KASPER stated he had come to address the group
for the express purpose of starting a new political move-
ment. According to [redacted] references were
made innumerable times to the origin of the Nazi Party. [redacted]

KASPER mentioned that he had to return to jail on
October 3rd. KASPER wanted it understood that the seven
persons present were to be embryo or core of a third party
with National Headquarters in Washington, D. C., with JOHN
KASPER for Director. [redacted]

KASPER, during the meeting, stated, according to
informants, that he is against violence generally but not
particularly. [redacted] remarked [redacted]

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During meeting [redacted] remarked, according to informants, [redacted]

[redacted] KASPER, all made the remark, [redacted]

[redacted] at this point, said, [redacted]

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KASPER remarked that he is almost positive that he is the reason that FAUBUS called out the National Guard in Little Rock, because two days prior to opening of school he got a long distance call from a man by the name of MILLER in Arkansas asking KASPER if he was going to Little Rock and KASPER replied "Why sure." KASPER admired the way FAUBUS clouds the issues by bringing up things completely irrelevant to the issues. ~~(X)~~

KASPER spent 9/27/57, with EZRA POUND at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, WDC. KASPER expressed great admiration for POUND. ~~(X)~~

At the afternoon meeting on 9/28/57, it was decided to picket the White House on Monday and Tuesday, September 30 and October 1, 1957; however, at the evening meeting mentioned later in this airtel, it was decided to picket on Tuesday and Wednesday, October 1 and 2. They are going to call people in several states. They do not expect a crowd on the first day but do on the second day. The objective of the picketing, to coincide with the President's conference with five Southern Governors, is to "protect GRIFFIN (Georgia's Governor)--the only white man in the lot." ~~(X)~~

Concerning the new party, KASPER stated, "If we're going to be radical, we are going to be very radical. We're going to adhere to HITLER's policies, fantastic as it may sound, everyone else is wrong and we're right." ~~(X)~~

According to the informants, KASPER wanted everything about this new political movement to be confined to national extent only. He wants no foreign ideologies to confuse the public. KASPER pointed out that the idea of revolution has already taken place in people's minds. Of this ~~(X)~~

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he had no doubt. It is now a question of making it physically come to pass. KASPER stated that ACE CARTER was of the opinion that the movement should go underground, but KASPER maintains they have nothing to hide. ~~(S)~~

During the meeting FLEMING constantly referred to conversations with CONDE McGINLEY so as to denote frequent relations. ~~(S)~~

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The second report of the informants deals with evening meeting held at the home of FLOYD FLEMING, 905 Quincy Street, N.E. Present were [redacted] BENJAMIN SIMMONS (KASPER's attorney), [redacted]

[redacted] and JOHN KASPER. ~~(S)~~

According to the informants, those present wanted to go out and "kill a Jew" that evening. KASPER stated at this meeting that he had "stashed" all his mail and paraphernalia at [redacted] house. On 9/29/57 those present are to visit [redacted] in Bethesda. ~~(S)~~

KASPER stated that he felt the boys in Deale accomplished their purpose. KASPER is to contact the informants, 9/29/57, to set up further organizational meetings. ~~(S)~~

Above is end of informants reports. [redacted] orally advised that the placards to be carried in picketing White House are to have insulting remarks about some Governors, as for example, MCKELDIN of Maryland. ~~(S)~~

[redacted] also requested some assurance that his informants, [redacted] would not get into any trouble [redacted] if they participated in picketing the White House. ~~(S)~~

[redacted] was advised that the contacting Agent would discuss the matter with his superiors but that due to excellent information being secured, his informants should go along with KASPER and FLEMING, etc., short of violating a law. ~~(S)~~

Local agencies being advised of picketing White House at 9:00 a.m. this date.

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WFO continuing physical surveillances of
KASPER, FLEMING, and [redacted]

Fisurs conducted by WFO on 9/28/57, confirm
fact that meetings did take place as described by
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Date: September 27, 1957
To: Mr. U. E. Daughman
Chief
United States Secret Service
Treasury Department
Washington, D. C.
From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Subject: WHITE CITIZENS COUNCILS
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Reference is made to my memorandum dated September 26, 1957, in which you were advised information has been received from an informant, whose reliability is unknown, that members of the captioned organization plan to picket at the White House on September 28, 1957. ~~READING ROOM~~

With regard to this demonstration, the same informant advised that Floyd Fleming, an official of the White Citizens Councils of District of Columbia, stated on September 25, 1957, the demonstration at the White House on September 28, 1957, will depend to a great extent on friends of Fleming in Virginia. Fleming did not amplify these remarks. ~~READING ROOM~~

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In addition, the informant learned from Fleming that the White Citizens Councils of District of Columbia had been deprived of its headquarters at 3204 N Street, N. W. Washington, D. C., and as a result a problem had arisen as to what to do with the printing press. The informant was of the opinion this press would possibly be moved to the home of a man named Carter (phonetic), who is an associate of Jack Rathbone, leader of the Defenders of State Sovereignty and Individual Liberties in Arlington, Virginia, or the press possibly could be moved to the home of Pat Peyton (phonetic), who does secretarial work for Rathbone. ~~READING ROOM~~

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The Defenders of State Sovereignty and Individual Liberties is a state-wide prosegregation organization in Virginia.

Fleming also told the informant the big thing to do now is provoke Negroes to action. He did not furnish additional information in clarification of this statement. ~~✓~~

Any additional pertinent data received relative to this matter will be made available to you promptly.

1 - Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence
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Attention: Chief, Security Division

1 - Director of Naval Intelligence

1 - Office of Special Investigations
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Date: September 30, 1957

To: Mr. U. E. Baughman
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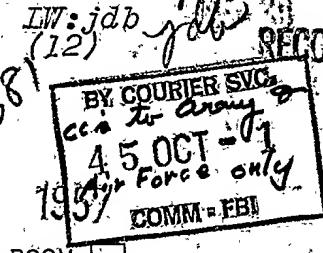
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cc - 1 - Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence Department of the Army VIA LIAISON

cc - Attention: Chief, Security Division 100-31, 9/30/61

cc - 1 - Director of Naval Intelligence VIA LIAISON

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Honorable Robert Cutler
Special Assistant to the President
Executive Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear General Cutler:

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Honorable Robert Cutler

The foregoing information has been furnished to the Attorney General; Mr. William P. Rogers, Deputy Attorney General; Assistant Attorney General Warren Olney III; the Secret Service; Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence, Department of the Army; Office of Naval Intelligence; and Office of Special Investigations, Department of the Air Force.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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BY COURIER SERVICE

Honorable Robert Cutler
Special Assistant to the President
Executive Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear General Cutler:

I thought the President and you would be interested in knowing information has been received from a source, whose reliability is unknown, that members of the White Citizens Councils of District of Columbia plan to picket at the White House on September 28, 1957. The number of pickets and the time and purpose of this demonstration are unknown at this time. *X*

The executive secretary of the White Citizens Councils of District of Columbia is Frederick John Kasper, who was recently arrested in Nashville, Tennessee, in connection with racial disorder in that city and who is out on bail. Kasper was arrested for loitering, vagrancy, two charges of disorderly conduct and inciting to riot. He was fined \$50 each on charges of loitering, vagrancy and disorderly conduct. The trial date on his appeal from these convictions is set for October 11, 1957. November 18, 1957, is the date set for the trial on the charge of inciting to riot.

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Information concerning the proposed demonstration is being furnished the Attorney General, Secret Service, intelligence agencies of the Armed Forces, and Metropolitan Police Department, Washington, D. C. C: (C) (1) (A)

Additional pertinent information received relative to this matter will be furnished you promptly. 100-423395-378
Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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Honorable Robert Cutler

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Attorney General, Secret Service and intelligence agencies being advised by separate memoranda today. Washington Field advised Metropolitan Police Department was furnished this information. Whereabouts of John Kasper unknown. As of 9/19/57 he was in Fountain City, Tennessee. Newspaper articles 9/19/57 revealed Kasper was on his way to Washington, D. C.; however, no information received he is here.

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MR. ROSEN
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44-12284-1
The Attorney General returned my earlier call and
I advised him as follows:

I told the Attorney General that shortly after midnight
the White House Police had discovered a Confederate flag attached to
the south side of the picket fence and apparently placed there according
to the plan we had reported yesterday. I then stated that John Kasper
and his gang, rather than meeting on the Treasury Department steps
as originally planned, had decided to meet this morning at the home of
[redacted] at [redacted] to make plans and from
there proceed to the White House for picketing. The Attorney General
was advised that the Secret Service has been alerted as to this.

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I advised the Attorney General that in regard to the
Little Rock situation everything was quiet this morning in that area.
I stated the National Guard were performing guard duty and the troopers
were not patrolling the school; that the students had been escorted into
the school this morning by the National Guard who were now on duty
inside the building. I stated that the troopers were quartered at the
football stadium.

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Very truly yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-423395)
FROM: SAC, WFO (100-33226)

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WHITE CITIZENS COUNCILS
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Reomyairtel this date concerning picketing at
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Fisur, conducted this date reflects following
information. Identify of Agents actually observing
events is not known at the present time.

JOHN KASPER, [REDACTED] 2
young boys and an unidentified girl (possibly [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] assembled at [REDACTED] (the home of
[REDACTED] on 10/1/57 at approximately 10:15 a.m.

At approximately 11:15 a.m., this group walked
toward the White House from 909 20th St., N. W., carrying
placards which were not exposed to public view. At
approximately 11:38 a.m., the placards were raised in
front of the White House after KASPER had consulted with
police officers in front of the White House. 5 men and
one woman participated in the picketing. FLOYD FLEMING
was observed to join this group in front of the White House,
making the total 6 men and one woman. [REDACTED] did not
participate in picketing but sat in the park across the
street.

KASPER made the following remarks to reporters
who were on the scene with what appeared to be newsreel
and television cameras: He will now move into a 3rd party
political organization. He claims that both the Republicans
and Democrats have shown that they cannot handle the racial

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situation and its problems and have exhausted all avenues known to them. He claimed that his 3rd party will be based on racial nationalism which he did not describe.

A reporter asked KASPER if he would run his party from jail, and he said it would be difficult but that others would carry on. He refused to furnish the names of the demonstrators, he said, until after this is all over.

This group had 15 signs, some of which were placed against the White House fence, while others were carried and then they exchanged them for others. The signs were as follows:

1. "Government by injunction is evil.
"Education by bayonet is crime."
2. "America sold out to Red pressure.
"Remove troops from Little Rock."
3. "Release Arkansas from Palace Guard."
4. "Free Arkansas from dictatorship."
5. "Tanks at Clinton, bayonets at Little Rock,
police state at Nashville, whither America."
6. "Federal dictatorship vs The People.
"NAACP rejoices white peoples weep."
7. "End armed terror. Budapest, Hungary; Posnan,
Poland; Clinton, Tenn.; Nashville, Tenn.;
Little Rock, Arkansas."
8. "Keep our white schools white."
9. "Faubus for President. Turn Ike out to pasture."
10. "End police state education now."
11. "Down with white traitors."
12. "Ike, Clement, Hodges, McKeldin
All this shall pass away."
13. "Clement is a fraud
Is he here for Ike's tanks."
14. "We demand the Constitution
Long live Faubus."
15. "End police state terror Little Rock now."

On the back of some of these placards were the following:

1. "WCC of DC South East Council"
2. "WCC Owings, Md."
3. "Seaboard White Citizens Council."

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-423395)

9/28/57

FROM: SAC, WFO (100-33226)

WHITE CITIZENS COUNCILS OF D. C., aka
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Remyairtels 9/27/57.

Fisur by Agents of WFO 9/28/57, reflects JOHN KASPER in Washington, D. C. Driving Plymouth convertible. Tenn. License 3F7442. KASPER met with FLOYD FLEMING and [redacted] and some unidentified persons at home of [redacted] b6

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Surveillances continuing on FLEMING and KASPER.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-423395)
FROM: SAC, WFO (100-33226)

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On 9/30/57, SA RICHARD B. LAVIN, at [redacted]

met with [redacted]

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as well as [redacted]
and [redacted]

[redacted] and [redacted] should be covered by request. [redacted]
have been [redacted] while
associating with the subject organization.

[redacted] made available a written report of [redacted]
and [redacted] concerning a meeting held at [redacted]

[redacted] Md., on 9/29/57.

This info was orally supplied to SA LAVIN by [redacted] on 9/29/57,
and furnished to the Bureau by airtel that same date.

At the meeting of [redacted] the
following additional info was furnished by [redacted] and [redacted]
The confederate flag which is to be placed on the White House
by [redacted] and [redacted] is to be done on the evening
of 9/30/57. The picketing of the White House on 10/1/57 is to
commence at 11:00 a.m. and to continue until 2:00 p.m.

It has been determined by SA MARVIN KABERLE of the
Silver Spring RA from Montgomery County PD that this [redacted]
is probably [redacted]
According to SA KABERLE, police officers at Montgomery County PD
recall that [redacted] recently was [redacted]

[redacted] At present time Montgomery
County PD cannot locate the police record on [redacted]

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CC: [REDACTED]

In regard to picketing, Sergeant JOSEPH CHENNAULT, Special Investigations Squad, MPD, advised SA WINFRED H. ANDERS on 9/30/57, that [REDACTED] called Precinct #3 on 9/30/57 to advise that the Seaboard White Citizens Council would picket the White House between 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. on 10/1/57 and there would be a [REDACTED] not further identified, in charge of this group. CHENNAULT advised that the Corporation Counsel's Office is considering possible violations. [At the meeting at [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] advised SA LAVIN orally. [REDACTED] of Virginia asked KASPER if he believed [REDACTED]

KASPER at this meeting also mentioned that the Director JOHN EDGAR HOOVER does not write his own speeches but that a Jew does and that 9 out of 10 SAs of the FBI are Jews. ~~JK~~

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[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] stated that the person responsible for burning a cross at Deale, Md., recently at the home of a doctor, was a [REDACTED] who resides in Prince Frederick, Md. During the meeting at [REDACTED] home, KASPER according to informants, made the following verbatim remark about the bombing of a Nashville school. "When we're all old and sitting by the fire I might have a story to tell about that." According to the informants, KASPER intends this week to go to NY to see some friends and then on his way back to Washington to stop at Camden, New Jersey, to see his mother. The informants could not reconcile this trip with the fact that KASPER stated he had to return to Tennessee to jail. Both informants are strongly of the opinion that KASPER wants to be jailed in WDC. They do not know exactly how he intends to bring this about. ~~JK~~

[REDACTED] is scheduled to meet with KASPER this evening and to take dictation from him at the home of [REDACTED] in [REDACTED] In this regard KASPER had expressed a desire to dictate at the home of [REDACTED] and has referred to visiting them on a couple of occasions. According to [REDACTED] who is posing as [REDACTED] this is impossible because the address which she has given to FLEMING. KASPER and others is the apartment of a friend of hers, [REDACTED] According to the informants, [REDACTED] is Jewish in speech and appearance and has small children. She also has a Jewish emblem on her door as well as numerous Jewish articles and pictures in her home. [REDACTED] has suggested that [REDACTED] be moved temporarily to a furnished apartment where KASPER and others may visit. This move would be temporary but should be immediately made. ~~JK~~

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[redacted] and [redacted] ask that for such a move on behalf of this woman the Bureau would share at least half the expense. Due to the excellent cooperation being given and the valuable info forthcoming from these informants it is recommended that this expense be shared for a period of three months, after which time the value of these informants will be again considered. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

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It is noted [redacted]

[redacted] has been excellent in promptly furnishing all info received from them. This info is not available to this office in any other fashion. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Concerning the burning of a cross at Bethesda Chevy Chase School in the early morning hours of 9/29/57, as set forth in reairtel, this office checked with the Montgomery County, MD., PD, through the RA at Silver Spring, Md., and ascertained that a cross was burned on 9/29/57, at 1:20 a.m. Two officers, HAWKINS and RUSSEL, on routine patrol on East-West Highway, observed the cross burning at the school. They reported that it is six feet tall. They also came upon a sign in the grass near the cross which had the letters KKK written thereon in two foot letters. An investigation was conducted by Detective MICKEY HARRIS, Montgomery County PD and no witnesses or suspects were developed. The above info was supplied by Inspector HAROLD MILLER (NA) Montgomery County PD to SA MARVIN KABERLE of the Silver Spring RA.

A check of the Maryland license number HC 22-23 included in reairtels reflects that it is registered to a THELMA P. KETTERING, 9305 Park Hill Terrace, Bethesda.

The info concerning the hanging of the confederate flag on the White House in the evening hours of 9/30/57, was furnished to Mr. DANIEL O'DRISCOLL of Secret Service by phone.

SE JOSEPH C. CREEDEN checked records of MPD this date and could locate no record for JAMES L. FIESER.

It is noted that KASPER while visiting WDC has been driving a red Plymouth convertible with Tennessee license # 7442. According to informants, this car is [redacted]

Knoxville is requested to ascertain the ownership of this vehicle.

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Expeditious consideration of the Bureau is requested to the suggestion that the Bureau assume half the expense of the informant's apartment. ~~(S)~~

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. L. V. Boardman

FROM : Mr. A. H. Belmont

SUBJECT: WHITE CITIZENS COUNCILS OF
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Captioned organization, headed by John Kasner, is anti-Semitic, as well as anti-Negro. Due to [redacted]

[redacted] and [redacted]

[redacted] who, as informants, are [redacted]

[redacted] has been furnishing the Bureau information received concerning captioned organization through these informants for some time. This has been the Bureau's source of data concerning this organization inasmuch as Washington Field Office discontinued inquiries concerning White Citizens Councils of District of Columbia in December, 1956, at Bureau instructions. [redacted]

Due to the urgency of obtaining information expeditiously from these informants after Kasper arrived in Washington last week, Washington Field made arrangements [redacted] to meet these informants and obtain directly from them information concerning Kasper and activities of citizens councils. [redacted]

[redacted] These informants have been meeting with Kasper and Kasper [redacted] has indicated he desires to visit with the informants [redacted]

[redacted] The informants have no apartment. In order to maintain these informants, [redacted] has suggested that informants obtain an apartment on a temporary basis where they may receive Kasper. [redacted]

The valuable information furnished by the informants is not otherwise available to the Bureau. Without the apartment the informants could be exposed, thereby cutting off the Bureau's source of information concerning Kasper and future activities of captioned organization. It is essential that we continue to receive information from these sources. [redacted]

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Memorandum to Mr. Boardman
Re: White Citizens Councils
of District of Columbia
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RECOMMENDATION:

Inasmuch as Washington Field has requested that this matter be resolved expeditiously, it is recommended that Washington Field be telephonically advised that approval is not granted to pay up to [redacted] for expenses in connection with the informants obtaining an apartment for one month; however, it is recommended that Washington Field be authorized to pay the informants [redacted] this month for information furnished by the informants. [redacted]

[redacted] will be paying for [redacted] information of value to the Bureau as we have done in the past. At the expiration of a month Washington Field should submit its observations and recommendations for additional payments. ~~✓~~ *OK* *11/11/68*

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-423395)
FROM: SAC, BALTIMORE (100-20015)
SUBJECT: WHITE CITIZENS COUNCILS OF D. C.
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On 9/29/57 SA LAWRENCE GURLEY (WFO) telephonically advised SA MARVEN H. KABERLE, Silver Spring Resident Agency, that a meeting of captioned organization was held on the evening of 9/29/57 at [redacted] Maryland.

At this meeting one [redacted] and [redacted] (phonetic) allegedly admitted burning a cross on the evening of 9/28/57 at the Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School, Bethesda, Maryland. They likewise expressed an intent to burn a cross on the evening of 9/29/57 at Walter Johnson High School, Bethesda, Maryland. (S)

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The above information was furnished to Inspector CARROLL MILLER (NA) Montgomery County Police Department on the evening of 9/29/57. Inspector MILLER stated he would assign a patrol car to the vicinity of Walter Johnson High School for the remainder of the night.

On 9/30/57 Inspector MILLER advised that there had been no cross burning at the Walter Johnson High School during the preceding night. He added, however, that a cross was burned at approximately 1:10 a.m., 9/29/57, at the Bethesda Chevy-Chase High School.

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Inspector MILLER stated that one [redacted] Maryland (date of birth [redacted]) had been charged with a traffic violation by the Montgomery County Police Department on 7/28/56.

Regarding [redacted] (phonetic) Inspector MILLER expressed the possibility this may have been [redacted], Maryland. He said that he has been unable to locate the police department report on [redacted] however, he recalled that approximately 1 1/2 to 2 years ago [redacted] along with several other boys, was convicted of bombing the home of a school official in Bethesda, Maryland. [redacted] was sent to the Loch Raven Training School for Boys, Baltimore, Maryland on that conviction. He continued that [redacted] is currently employed at [redacted]

Inasmuch as Baltimore has no specific information which would indicate that [redacted] and [redacted] (phonetic) are actually the same individual the above is submitted as a matter of information and no further action is contemplated by Baltimore unless requested by WFO or the Bureau.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. SIZOO

FROM : A. H. Belmont

SUBJECT: JOHN KASPER
White Citizens Council,
District of Columbia

DATE: 9/30/57

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At 5 p.m. on 9/28 I talked to SA Murphy of the WFO and instructed that John Kasper be kept under surveillance. I advised him that the AG is very much interested in the activities of Kasper. Further, Kasper has nothing to lose by causing trouble. It is imperative that we know where he is and what he is doing. I told Murphy to advise SAC Whelan.

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cc Mr. Boardman
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Belmont

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September 30, 1957

Honorable Robert Cutler
Special Assistant to the President BY COURIER SERVICE
Executive Office Building
Washington, D. C.

White Citizens Council
Dear General Cutler: of D.C.

BY COURIER SVC.
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COMM-FBI

Reference is made to my memoranda dated September 26 and 30, 1957, in which you were furnished information concerning the activities of the White Citizens Councils of District of Columbia.

A confidential informant, whose reliability is unknown, advised that on the afternoon of September 29, 1957, a meeting was held at [redacted] Maryland, which was attended by 15 individuals including John Kasper.

At this meeting one [redacted] who, according to the informant, is [redacted] years old and who was recently discharged from the United States Navy, admitted that he and one [redacted] (phonetic), who recently spent seven months in jail for bombing a high school principal's front yard in Washington, D. C., burned a cross on the night of September 28, 1957, in front of the Bethesda-Chevy Chase School. 100-423395-378

[redacted] admitted he has a group of ten men and in addition to the cross they burned on the night of September 28, 1957, they had intended burning two other crosses, one at the home of Rose Kramer and one at the home of Helen Sharp, school board members in Montgomery County, Maryland, who favor integration. He stated the crosses were not burned at their homes inasmuch as they were having parties on that night.

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Honorable Robert Cutler

On the morning of September 30, 1957, the Montgomery County Police Department, Montgomery County, Maryland, advised that at approximately 1:20 a.m. on September 29, 1957, two officers saw a cross burning on the Bethesda-Chevy Chase School grounds. A nearby sign on which the paint was still wet contained the initials "KKK."

According to the informant [redacted] and two other men planned to burn a cross at the Walter Johnson High School at Bethesda, Maryland, on the evening of September 29, 1957. On the morning of September 30, 1957, the Montgomery County Police Department advised that insofar as it is aware no cross was burned on the night of September 29, 1957.

The informant advised that [redacted] and their "gang" intend to attach a Confederate Flag on the White House fence on September 30, 1957.

[redacted] boasted of having oil and dynamite caps in the trunk of his car. &

One [redacted] described by the informant as a young girl, volunteered to use her home telephone for all "harassing calls." &

With regard to the contemplated picketing at the White House a group is to meet at 11:30 a.m. on October 1, 1957, at the Treasury Department Building and, thereafter, will picket at the White House. Men named Carter from Virginia and Berry from Easton, Maryland, are being asked to participate in the picketing. &

The foregoing information is being furnished the Attorney General, United States Secret Service, intelligence agencies of the Armed Forces and Metropolitan Police Department, Washington, D. C.

Additional pertinent information received relative to this matter will be furnished you promptly.

Sincerely yours,
YELLOW: AG and Secret Service lets are dated 9/30/57. The information in this letter concerning data received from Montgomery County Police Department was furnished by WFO on the morning of 9/30/57. WFO advised Metropolitan Police Dept. of this information as well as the local offices of Secret Service and other local agencies. Identification Division is being checked with regard to information on [redacted] and [redacted]. WFO is also checking for information on these two individuals.

J. Edgar Hoover

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : L. V. Boardman *✓*

DATE: September 30, 1957

FROM : A. H. Belmont
SUBJECT: WHITE CITIZENS COUNCILS
OF DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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At 4 p.m., today, Supervisor C. E. Glass, Washington Field Office, telephonically advised that John Kasper had just issued a lengthy press release in which it was announced that the picket line at the White House will start at about noon tomorrow.

In the press release Kasper castigated the President and all of the Southern governors who have agreed with the President concerning the Little Rock situation. According to information supplied by Washington Field Office Kasper did not mention the Director or the Attorney General.

ACTION:

None. For your information.

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To: Mr. U. E. Baughman
Chief
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Washington, D. C.

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From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
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Subject: **WHITE CITIZENS COUNCILS
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BY COURIER SVC
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Reference is made to previous correspondence
concerning activities of the captioned organization.

For your additional information

contacted the Washington Field Office of this Bureau on September 30, 1957, at which time he advised he is incensed about John Kasper. He advised the Washington Field Office to "keep Kasper off the streets; if you don't there will be trouble." He stated that if Kasper starts something in Washington, he will be sorry as he will never live to tell the tale. [redacted] stated, "we have guns," which he identified as M-1 rifles, and said, "we won't stop for blood." At the same time he stated, "we don't want no bloodshed." [redacted] denied that he, himself, had any plans to harm Kasper or commit violence.

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Secret Service and the Metropolitan Police Department, Washington, D. C., are aware of the above information.

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In addition to the foregoing data, on September 30, 1957, John Kasper was observed carrying placards out of the residence at 909 20th Street, Northwest, and placing them in his car. These placards, which measure approximately 16 by 20 inches, had printed on them the following statements: "Clement is a Fraud. Is he here for Ike's tanks?" "End Police State Education Now," "Free Arkansas from Dictatorship," "Keep our White Schools White," and "Down with White Traitors." These placards had printed on them the names of citizens councils in Charlottesville, Virginia; and Deale, Edmonston, and Hyattsville, Maryland. Also observed was a sign measuring approximately 2 by 4 feet on which was printed, "See you later integrator."

Confidential informants of unknown reliability advised that on September 28, 1957, [redacted]

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Also on September 28, 1957, Kasper, in remarking about the bombing of the school in Nashville, Tennessee, stated, "When we're all old and sitting by the fire I might have a story to tell about that." ~~X~~

The above-mentioned informants advised on September 30, 1957, that Kasper intends to go to New York this week to see some friends and on his way back to Washington will stop at Camden, New Jersey, to see his mother. The informants could not reconcile this trip with the fact that Kasper stated he had to return to Tennessee to jail. The informants are of the opinion that Kasper wants to be jailed in Washington, D. C.; however, they do not know exactly how he intends to bring this about. ~~X~~

On the morning of October 1, 1957, the Metropolitan Police Department, Washington, D. C., advised that a Confederate Flag was hung on the White House fence at approximately 12:45 a. m., on October 1, 1957.

Any additional pertinent information received relative to this matter will be furnished to you promptly.

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Pertinent information concerning activities of Kasper and the captioned organization have been furnished previously to the Attorney General and to Cutler at the White House; however, the above material does not appear to warrant dissemination to those individuals.

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